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CGS: Hizbullah may have long-range Katyushas

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HIZBULLAH has amassed an immeose arsenal in south Lebanon, reportedly including improved Iranian-produced Katyushas capable of striking the cities of Acre and Karmiel, Chief of Staff Lt.-Gen. Amnon Lipkin-Shahak told the Knesset Foreign Affairs and Defense Committee yesterday. "We have information, although

not confirmed, that they have acquired 240 mm. Katyusha rockets with a 40-kilometer range. This creates a significant threat, a threat of another dimension," Shahak said. According to an official brief-ing, Shahak said the improved

rockets put cities like Acre and Karmiel within range of Hizbullah attack. The enhanced Katyushas nearly double the range of the con-ventional rockets Hizbullah is

known to possess already. "If they try to attack, it is likely that there will be hits in the settlements in the North." SI said



Soldiers display some of the ammunition recovered from the three Hizbullah terrorists whom the IDF killed in the security zone on Sunday.

IDF kills three terrorists in security zone

THREE Palestinian terrorists were killed by IDF paratroopers in a close-range clash in the secu-rity zone early Sunday morning, it was revealed yesterday, as fighting continued in the region.

It is believed the heavily armed and well-provisioned gunmen, from two Palestinian orga-

nizations, had intended to attack

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According to reports from Lebanon at the time, the clasb itself occurred near Talousa in the central sector of the zone.

Lt. Meir noted that after recent sethacks for the IDF, there was a sense of satisfaction among the

attack.

the populating of 3,000 homes constructed in the territories before the 1992 elections, but near Rashaf in the western sector don't see this bappening immiof the zone, without causing any nently. or French Foreign Minister Herve damage. de Charette said the decision to

casualties Hizbullah's Shl'ite rival, Amal, claimed responsibility for that place hundreds of caravans in

Mordechai ready to present plan for Hebron

Proposal would change terms of accords with PA

DEFENSE Minister Yitzhak Mordechai is planning to pre-sent Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu with a proposal to change the Oslo accords with regard to the extent of Palestinian control in Hebron.

Under the plan, to be presented in the coming days, the Palestinian Authority would only gain civilian control over Hebron's Arab neighborhoods instead of full authority over the area.Overriding security control would remain in Israeli hands, a senior official said.

Under the Oslo accords, the IDF is to pull back from approximately 80% of Hehron, leaving all Arab

OFFICIALS at the Prime

Minister's Office confirmed yes-

terday that settlers had requested

1,200 caravans for use by public

institutioos, but that only 300

The officials added they

expect that Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu will permit

bave been granted.

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But under Mordechai's proposal. Hebron would no longer be designated Area A, but part of Area B, an area of shared control, with the IDF permitted to move freely around the city as it deems necessary for security purposes. There is speculation that under Mordechai's proposal, the PA would instead be given greater control in neighboring Palestinian areas outside of Hebron, such as Halhoul.

Changing the designation of Hehron from Area A to Area B would mean that the IDF would be in charge of security there, with neighborhoods of Hebron under full PA control, designated Area A. a secondary role. That would con-

stitute a major change to the Oslo accords , which removed the IDF from all urban Palestinian areas. including those in Area B, where the IDF is stationed in the countryside, outside the villages.

It remains unclear if Netanyahu will accept the Mordechai proposal as an opening position in nego-liations with the Palestinians on Hehron, which the premier has linked to prior resolution of alleged PA activity in Jerusalem.

The security cabinet is scheduled to meet today, but it is not clear whether Mordechai will bring up the proposal in some form during that meeting, or hold private discussions with Netanyahu first.

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Officials: Settlers to get quarter of requested caravans

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the status quo and could endaoger the final-status talks with the Palestinians.

Defense Minister Yitzhak Mordechai's decision to allow the 300 trailers into the Jewish settlements in the administered territories is "a mixed hlessing," according to Binyamin District spokeswoman Alisa Herhst. "It's too little, it came too slowly and will cost us a lot of money, but we're very happy to get them." According to Herbst, the vari-

ous regional councils in the territhe territories is a violation of tories submitted requests for

about 1,200 caravans, all of them for public services such as classrooms, kindergartens and day-care centers.

Pinhas Wallerstein, head of the Council of Jewish Communities in Judea, Samaria and Gaza, said the public is blowing Mordechai's decision out of proportion.

"Just because we bave his permission does not mean we will be able to move any units into the settlements," Wallerstein said. "It requires funding to renovate them and turn them into classrooms or dormitories."

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"There is a war going on there with battles every day. Hizbullah has become bolder daily with attacks on IDF and SLA positions and the fight with them is becoming more and more dangerous," Shahak said.

There are hundreds of Katyushas in south Lebanon dispersed in villages and if they [Hizbullah] get the order to fire they won't need very long to do so," Shahak told committee members. "They have the stamina for

'many. many days of hattle," Shahak said.

Still, for the momeot, Shahak said, stressing the word moment, Hizbullah is not interested in violating the US-brokered limited truce. But, he added, there is no indication that Syria has moved to rein in Hizhullah.

"Actually, Karmiel is a relaovely new city and we are very prepared. There are hardly any public buildings or homes that don't have a shelter," Karmiel mayor Adi Eldar told Israel Radio.

Karmiel municipal spokeswoman Levi'a Fisher said that, up until last night, no one from the defense establishment had notified the town of 40,000 residents of the reported new threat.

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IDF or South Lebanese Army troops for having carried out soldiers in the zone. their mission. "The whereabouts and the dis-

Nevertheless, military sources said the possibility that the squad might have been planning to infiltrate Israel could not be ruled out.

The details of the clash were unveiled yesterday, as the paratroopers involved io the clash returned to their base from operational duties.

"As part of the inidated operations of the company in the security zone, we encountered three terrorists," said platoon comman-der Lt. Meir. "We spotted the squad, opened fire at all of them and they all fell. The gunmen had no chance to return fire, he said. He stressed that the aim of the army's initiated operations was to confront terrorists before they had a chance to reach Israel's northern horder.

The terrorist squad was composed of members of George Habash's Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine and the Democratic Front, headed hy Naif Hawatmeh. They were armed with Kalashnikov rifles, plenty of spare ammunition, and communication equipment, and also had sufficient supplies of canned food and water to keep them in the field for several days.

tance don't matter. What's important is that we did our duty to confront the terrorists there [in the zone], before they could reach Misgav or any other kib-butz," he said. Another officer. Lt. Shabo, said such an incideot was a "high point" for the troops, after all the training, exercises and opera-

tions, many of which ended in nothing. "When there's an incident like this you feel good. You feel you have carried out your mission," he said.

Meanwhile, fighting conduced in the security zone. A Lebanese civilian was killed in a roadside bomb blast oear Alman, in the eastern sector of the zone. Hizhullah claimed responsibility for the attack, saying it had deto-nated an explosive device alongside a car driven hy an off-duty SLA soldier, who was killed.

The organization said that at the same time it had also attacked the SLA's nearby Alman position with Sagger anti-tank missiles, mortars and machine guns, provoking IDF and SLA return fire. Earlier in the morning, a sepa-

rate roadside bomb exploded

Shahak: Lower motivation is weakening IDF

THE motivation to perform reserve duty is falling so low that Israel's top general said yesterday he would be "worried and scared if the state should ever need to fight for its existence.

"More and more reservists are reducing their [medical] pro-files. I fear that this evasion is getting a kosher stamp of legitimacy in society," Lt.-Gen. Amnon Lipkio-Shahak was quoted as saying.

Speaking before the Knesset Foreign Affairs and Defense Committee, Shahak said the decline in motivation is an issue that policy makers have avoided so far.

"I regret that a serious and deep discussion has not been carried out regarding the place of the army in Israel society," Shahak said.



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ARIEH O'SULLIVAN He cited instances of universities not allowing reservists a chance to make up examioations "suckers." and of employers laying off

workers due to reserve duty as manifestation of the eroding position of the army. This committee has to deal

with it," Shahak said. Shahak's comments echo those existence. of the state comptroller, who noted the drop in motivation among reservists earlier this year. In her annual report, the

legiumacy of evading reserve duty and that society is starting to look at those who do serve as Dr. Oz Almog, a sociology lec-

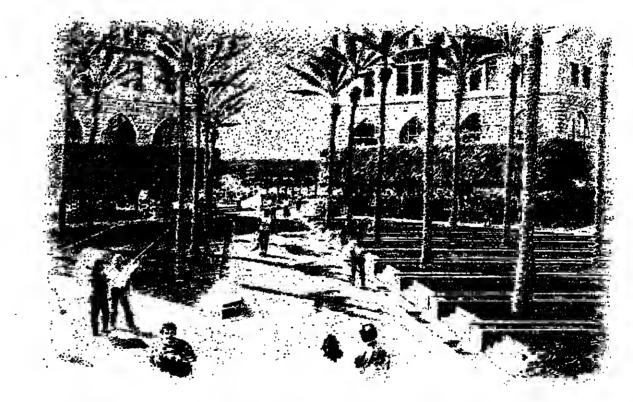
comptroller noted the growing

turer at the Emek Yizrael College, said society is growing weary and cynical after a pro-longed - and, what is often perceived as, needless - battle for

"Today, after so many wars [and] the fall of communism, Israelis feel the army is not as vital as it was," Almog said.

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Golan lobby rebukes Netanyahu

THE Golan Residents Committee yesterday criocized comments by Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu intimating that Israel would be willing to consider terri-torial compromise on the Golan in peace talks with Syria. The residents committee issued

a statement saying that Netanyahu did not have a mandate for making concessions on the Golan. The prime minister's hints of

willingness to compromise over the Golan are unnecessary, harmful, invite pressure and weaken Israel's stance in negodations," the statement said.

The announcement followed comments by Netanyahu at a press conference with Arab journalists regarding peace talks with Syria and the future of the Golan.

Netanyahu's spokesman Shai Bazak told Israel Radio yesterday that the government's position regarding the Golan was clear-cut. The prime minister is saying

clearly and unequivocally that each of the sides to the negociauons can come with its position," said Bazak. "The Syrians can

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demand all of the Golan. Negotiations can begin from whatever point they choose. They don't have to accept our position, from the outset.

"The position of Israel and the government, however, is clear and unequivocal: We believe that the Golan Heights has to remain in Israel's hands and we will firmly

stand by this position," he said. Foreign Affairs and Defense Committee chairman Uzi Landau (Likud) said that during the election campaign, Netanyahu had said there would have to be negotiations with the Syrians that could result in compromises.

Landau added, however, that he believed the Golan should remain in Israeli hands, and the compromises should be related to Lebanon. Meanwhile, officials of the Golan Regional Council revealed that the flow of newcomers to the region is continuing unabated. According to the officials.

around 150 families have settled on kibbutzim, moshavim and vil-

lages, both secular and religious, since the beginning of the year, apart from scores of others who have moved into the town of Katzrin They said that all vacant bomes

in at least two communities on the Golan have been filled and the settlements themselves cannot absorb any more newcomers.

"We expect the number of families to have moved into homes on the Golan by September/October to reach about 200 and interest appears to be growing," said an official at the regional council offices yesterday.

Golan Regional Council chairman Yebuda Wolman said the best way for the government to show its support for the Golan would be for it to implement the "Golan

2000" development program. The proposal calls for a NIS 660 million government investment over the next four years to expand and improve infrastructure and thereby lay the groundwork for increasing the Jewish population of the region by 10,000 by the year



Defense Minister Yitzhak Mordechai tests an advanced assault rifle being developed by TAAS-Israel Industries, during a visit yesterday to the company's plant. Mordechai praised the company's reorganization efforts.

Hamas officials receive permits to go abroad

SEVERAL Hamas officials have received permits to travel abroad for the first time this year in what may be an arrangement between Israeli and Palestinian security agencies to test the willingness of Hamas to exercise a moderating influence on the Islamic movement abroad.

Mahmoud Zahar, a senior Gaza Hamas spokesman, confirmed on Monday that a Hamas delegation is to go abroad. Zahar was one of four Hamas officials permitted to travel to the West Bank town of Tulkarm two weeks ago to calm tempers after the raid on the town jail in which police shot dead a Hamas acovist. West Bank Hamas activists had called for an Inofada against the Palestinian Authority "collaborators" and attacks against "Zionist targets."

Gaza's Hamas activists passed that test and the permits to travel abroad followed. This next trip is expected to be to Jordan to meet with radically anti-PA Hamas officials there who are believed to be Service, said in a meeting with behind the call for renewed vio-Israeli journalists last weekeed

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that not only have there been no attacks by Hamas since the February-March suicide bomb-Zahar himself, in a speech to ings, but that "no planned attacks bave been stopped recently." In contrast, the PA claimed that it Gaza journalists Monday, called for demonstrations and taking to the streets to prevent Israeli settleprevented 14 attacks io the three ment building. But he has also called for renewed dialogue with month period before the elections. Nabil Abu Rudeineh, adviser to

the PA and was careful not to call for attacking Israelis. PA Chairman Yasser Arafat, said Hamas officials in Jordan verthat if a Hamas delegation goes bally attacked Zahar when he abroad it will be the first time it called for a halt in violence against has done so with Israeli-issued Israelis unol the elections on May permits since the mid-December 29, to avoid charges of influeocing talks in Cairo between Hamas and the PA. He said that Hamas had Zahar said there was no direct asked for three things from Israel:

contact between Hamas and Israeli to go to the West Bank; to go authorities in obtaining permits. PA spokesmen said the PA was not abroad; and to visit its leader Sheikh Ahmed Yassin in jail. It does not seem that the issuing of permits means that Israel and involved, but it approved, and therefore security ageocies must Hamas are about to start a dia-logue, but Hamas' decisioo to bave made the arrangements. Israeli defense spokesmen would

reveal the whereabouts of murnot comment. dered soldier Ilan Sa'adon's body Amin Hindi, the head of the is part of a new undercurrent part-Palestinian General Security

Hanegbi: Gov't firmness with visiting diplomats best policy on Orient House

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diplomats that they will not be permitted to won't close it. If there is a need, then we will visit Orient House, and in fact there have been oo such visits by foreign dignitaries close it.'

Hanegbi said the government bad made it clear to French Foreign Minister Herve de Charette that it would not permit him to visit Orient House, and de Charette refrained from doing so. Meretz, he added, should be glad that the government is enforcing its ban on diplomade acovity at Orient House through quiet diplomacy, rather than with police cars.

Former prime minister Sbimon Peres, who opened the debate, launched a scathing attack on the government for everything from its pol-icy on the peace process through the budget cuts to the internecine quarrels in the cabinet and the recent attacks on the army by some Likud MKs and Treasury officials.

"Never has an Israeli government wasted so much credit in such a short time," he said. During the debate, dozens of Peace Now activists demonstrated against the govern-

ment's decision to resume building in existing settlements, saying the decision would harm the peace process.

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Meanwhile, the Knesset Finance Committee did discuss settlement policy yesterday, but very briefly. Deputy Housing Minister Meir Porush told the committee his ministry is currently fighting with the Treasury over what to do with the thousands of empty apartments which the previous government refused to sell. Porusb favors tuming at least some of these into rental apartments, while the Treasury wants to sell them.

Porush also told the committee that his ministry will not be able to sell as much land as it had planned within the Green Line this year, but did not explain the reasons for this failure. Committee chairman Avraham Ravitz asked whether land sales were being affected by a turf war between the Housing and Infrastructure Ministries.

The committee will continue its discussion with Porush next week.

Eizenstat stresses Jane's: Syria, Iran urgency of Karni zone

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Islamic relief fund leaders

POLICE will recommend that charges be filed against leaders of the Islamic Relief Committee, on the grounds that the Nazarethbased group acted as a front to funnel money to Hamas activists and the families of Hamas suicide bombers in the territories.

The National Fraud Squad's investigation ioto the committee's activities, begun when the group was shut down by military order after the wave of Hamas suicide

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bombings, has been completed, according to police sources. The findings and recommendations are to be turned over to the State Attorney's Office in the coming days, the sources added.

Committee members told Israel Radio yesterday they were innocent, and only involved in welfare work.

Hamas, according to the sources. US and British police helped uncover the sources of funding for the committee abroad, while Israel Police concentrated on making the

connectioo with Hamas. Earlier this week, the committee lost a High Court of Justice appeal against the closure order. The sources said the court was presented classified material showing the link between the committee and Hamas.

Police, however, found a direct

link between the committee and Levy delays return from US

FOREIGN Minister David Levy has decided to prolong his private visit to the US by two days, so as to arrive back only after the weekly Friday cabinet session.

Levy, who on Sunday traveled to the US with National

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other ministerial fotums. He had

Infrastructure Minister Ariel Sharon to attend a wedding in New Jersey, had stayed away from last week's cabinet session and all

been threatening to resign, saying the Prime Minister's Office was bypassing him on diplomatic inioatives.

Sbaron will be returning today. Levy lieutenants described his extended absence yesterday as affording a further opportunity for Netanyahu to iron out the rift between them, noting that a ministerial resignation can only be tendered at an official cabinet session. Had Levy, they said, been present at this coming Friday's cabinet meeting, he would have had to act on his threats to resign. But now he will not be able to make good on his threats until next Friday.

No contacts of any sort took place this week, however. Shas leader Arych Deri, who credits himself with having staved off a Levy walkout last week, is ill with pneumonia and Levy sidekick David Appel has reportedly decided he no longer wants to be involved. On both sides, there are those who argue that no soludon is pos-

sible until Levy and Netanyahu hold a serious discussion. Conflicting signals are emanat-ing from Netanyahu's aides. While they are unanimous in reporting that Netanyahu is resolved to lead talks with the Palestinians personally, some talk about symbolic moves to massage Levy's bruised ego. Others around Netanyahu, how-

ever, have been reported to bave strenuously counseled against even seeming to pander to Levy's preslige, as this would be tantamount to appeasement, which will only encourage more demands.

SOCIAL & PERSONAL

THE WEEKLY MEETING of the Eng-lish-speaking Jerusalem Rolary Club will rake place today at 1:00 p.m. at the YMCA. King David Suret. Lydia Aron will speak on Buddhism and Nepal.

EXPEDITING the establishment of an industrial zone at Karni near the Israel-Gaza border is "urgent" for alleviating the Palestinians' ecooomic plight US Undersecretary of Commerce Stuart Eizenstat said yesterday.

THE government has made it clear to foreign

since the Likud took power, Health Minister

Tzahi Hanegbi told the Knesset pleoum yes-

Hanegbi was responding to four motions to

the agenda, ostensibly on the government's set-

tlement policy, but which in fact dealt mostly

with other issues, both diplomade and domes-

The Orieot House comments were in

response to a charge by Yossi Sarid (Meretz)

that the government was acting hypocritically

by failing to close Orient House after claiming

for three years that diplomatic activity in

Orient House endangered Israel's claim to

"Give me the same of one foreign minister

or other senior diplomat who has visited

Orient House since the government changed," Hanegbi retorted. "If there's no need, we

terday.

Jetusalem.

"We must, must, must get this industrial zone off the ground," Eizenstat told reporters upoo his return from a week-long visit to Israel, Jordan, Egypt and the territories. "There's a pressure-cooker building up in the territories."

Eizenstal predicted the zone would be built by the end of the year and said Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu is "very dedicated" to seeing it done.

He also stated that the administradon is committed to extending duty-free status to products from the territories similar to the freetrade agreement that Israel enjoys. Such an arrangement would "provide an incentive" for US and foreign companies to invest in Palestinian areas, and would immediately benefit Palestinian exporters of flowers and strawberries, he said.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Gideon Patt to head Israel Bonds

ments, yesterday was appointed to head Israel Bonds, Finance Minister Dan Meridor announced. He will replace Natan Sharony as

Sharony, a retired major general, said last week that his resignation is for personal reasons and is unrelated to the election of Prime Jerusalem Post Staff Minister Binyamin Netanyahu.

Economic mission in Qatar to issue visas to Israel

Qatar has decided to permit the Israeli economic mission located there to issue visas for Qataris wishing to visit here, senior officials said vesterday.

The decision comes at the same time that Oman is taking steps to open a commercial office in Israel.

Oatar made the decision in the aftermath of last month's visits by Dr. Dore Gold, Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu's foreign policy adviser, to both of those Gulf states. Gold sought to assure

the states of Israel's commitment to the peace process. During a visit to Qatar by Prime Minister Shimon Peres last April. Qatari Foreign Minister Sheikh Hamad Bin Jassim bin Jabr al-Thani said his government agrees to allow tourism between Qatar and David Makavsky

Shahak: Don't let more Palestinian workers in

The anger among Palestinians is so great that letting more Palestinians in to work in Israel would likely be used by extremists to attack Israelis, the chief of staff said yesterday.

LI.-Gen. Amnon Lipkin-Shahak, speaking to the Knesset's Foreign Affairs and Defense Committee, added that the closure was virtually non-existent and that the army was having difficulty enforcing it.

"There is no closure on Judea and Samaria. There are a few tens of thousands of Palestinians who are permitted to enter, but thousands more are sneaking in daily," Shahak said. Arieli O'Sullivan

The duty-free zone provision is oow contained in a pending Senate trade bill, Eizenstat said, It was already approved by the House last spring. He called the provision "the single greatest thing Congress can do" to stimulate economic development in the territories and said "it would be a travesty" for the measure to fail.

The industrial zone would likedelivering those weapons, accordly contain light industry tun by American and Israeli textile and ing to reports published in London apparel companies, and help alleviate short- and long-term journalJane's Defence Weekly Palestinian economic losses due to the closure, Eizenstat said. includes "several thousand tons"

PADICO, a development conipany funded by Palestinians abroad, is close to signing a contract to administer the industrial zone, Eizenstat said. He said that the US has committed \$4 million and Israel \$14 million toward the Karni project. The project's success depends

both on improving the security situation that necessitated the closure as well as on infrastructure development, he said.

Gideon Patt, who served as a minister in previous Likud govern-Bonds president and CEO at the beginning of the year.

imported raw materials." In addition, is says Iran has embarked on a biological weapons program, which remains largely in

the research-and-development stage, although the US believes Iran already possesses some

this week.

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The authoritative, London-based

reports today that Iran's stockpile

of chemical weapons agents,

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It also says, "Iran is developing

a production capability for more

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to reduce its dependence on

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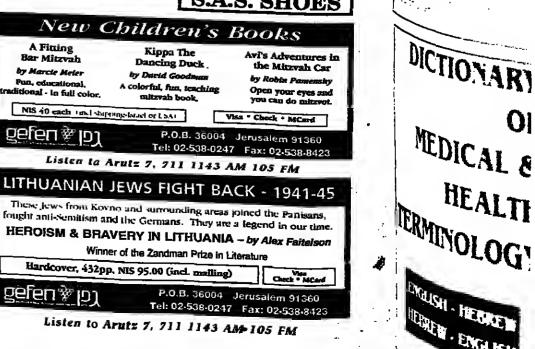
The US is also concerned that Iran might be developing biological warheads that can be carried by ballistic missiles.

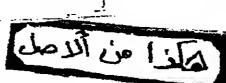
publication, Jane's Meanwhile. sister Sentinel. reports that Syria has the most advanced chemical weapons program in the Arab world and relauvely sophisticated missiles for delivering these weapons.

It also quotes a CIA report as A range of chemical weapons is saying Iran has the ability to delivreported to be manufactured at er chemical weapons by means of facilities near Damascus, at the artillery, mortars, rockets, aerial village of Safira, near Aleppo, and bombs "and possibly even Scud al a site near Hama, with assistance from China, North Korea The report, which coincides and Iran. with heightened fears in the US

While Syria already possesses missiles that can carry chemical warheads and are capable of hitcal weapons, notes that Iran is ting any part of Israel, the report capable of producing 1,000 tons of notes that the longer-range verchemical weapons agenis each sions will allow Damascus to deploy its missiles in areas that are more difficult to hit and easier to defend.

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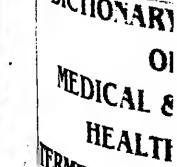




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Inmates at Ayalon Prison read yesterday from some of the books avoilable at the prison, which is holding 'Book Week'.

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Knesset raises traffic fines by up to 400%

CERTAIN traffic fines will go up by as much as 400%, and in some cases could be as high as NIS 5,000, under a law passed by the Knesset yesterday.

Under the law, which passed 9fines could be set as high as NIS 2,000 for a first offense and NIS 3,000 for repeat offenders. Courts will be able to impose fines of up to NTS 5,000.

Until now, traffic fines imposed by the police could be oo higher than NIS 500 for a first offense and NIS 760 for repeat offenders. If someone chose to challenge the nicket in court, the courts were allowed to impose fines of up to NIS 1,500.

The new, higher limits will not apply to all violations, however. The law empowers the transport minister to decide, with the approval of the Knesset Economics Committee, which offenses will be subject to the increased fines.

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Transport Minister Yitzhak Levy

told the plenum that one offense to

which he will certainly apply the higher limits is overloaded trucks.

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Levy also said an experimental

road safety program in Netanya.

which the ministry was reportedly

thinking of canceling, would not

only be condnued, but would be

expanded to two other cities. The

project, which uses cameras to

record drivers' speed in conjunc-

tion with fines and warnings, decreased the number of people

killed and injured in road acci-

dents in Netanya by 45% over four

Internal Security Minister Avigdor Kabalani, meanwhile.

said his ministry will contribute to

Elbit officials detained

try's fatal accidents.

months.

number of plainclothes traffic policemen.

Our main problem is the Israeli driver," he said. "To my sorrow, he doesn't fear the police, or anyone else.

Currently, Kahalani said, only about 10% of the traffic police operate undercover. However, identifiable policemen are less successful at catching violators, because people tend to amend their behavior as soon as they see a police car.

Furthermore, knowing that undercover policemen are patrolling the roads might lead people to be more caudous, even if a police car is not in sight, he Said

Kahalani said that there have been 12,774 accidents so far this year, 210 of them fatal. These accidents have resulted in 241 dead and some 23,000 injured, of the effort to improve residents' driving habits by increasing the whom some 1.850 were seriously injured.

Dayan: Spousal violence

abnormally high

SOME 80 percent of all violent incidents here involve spousal violence, MK Yael Dayan (Labor), chairwoman of the Knesset Committee on the Status of Women, iold the committee yesterday.

Dayan said this is a higher percentage than in the rest of the Western world, where spousal violence accounts for about 60 percent of the total violence.

Internal Security Minister Avigdor Kahalani told the committee that the police have received 9,072 complaints about intrafamilial violence since the start of the year. One idea the police is considering to combat

this problem, he said, is establishing a commu-

EVELYN GORDON nity policing network, which would integrate police work with efforts by social workers and

other community workers. Policenien should also be given increased training in how to deal with family violence, he added.

Dayan said that the way the police deal with this issue has improved over the past few years. While occasional instances of very poor police behavior still exist, she said, these are now generally found only among the lowest ranks of the police.

The committee also discussed the recent

attacks by haredim on female employees of the Education Ministry. Jerusalem Police chief Arych Amit lold the committee that the police have halted this phenomenon.

Amit said the police have also been mak-ing serious effons to fight prostitution, using undercover agents to locate the hotels and apartments out of which proslitutes operate.

Inm adds:

Meanwhile, police yesterday arrested a Katzrin resident suspected of beating his seven-year-old son and wife while he was drunk. His wife is in a hospital in Safed. Police said they plan to hold the man until his trial.

SENIOR officials of the Elbit high-tecb company are suspected of presenting false documents to the tax authorities and doing the Treasury out of some NIS 15 million, tax officials charged yesterday.

Police yesterday detained two senior employees of the company. who were brought before the Haifa Magistrate's Court for remand.

They were identified as Shlomo Nahman, who beaded the company's television depart-

in tax evasion scam ment from its inception until mid-1995 and currently heads the financial department of an Elbit subsidiary, Telnet; and Avraham Sheetrit, chief accountant for the

television division, who was responsible for reporting to the purchase tax authorities in the years 1992-4. The two were released on NIS

100,000 bail each, and had their passports confiscated.

Elbit is a diversified hi-tech company which has been manufacturing televisions since 1992.

Tax officials lold the court that Elbit had sent false documents to the purchase tax authorities between 1992-4, in an attempt to evade paying the actual taxes due. The two suspects used sophisticated methods and there are more people suspected of being involved in the scam, the tax officials told the court.

The lawyers for the defendants (Itim)

Jewish father, son get stiff prison terms for Florida antisemitic hate hoax

MIAMI (Reuter) - A Florida father and son, themselves Jewish, received stiff prison secteoces yesterday for committing antisemitic vandalism and theo earning money for repairing the damage. Dade County Circuit Judge Leslie Rothenberg sentenced Al and Steven Rubin, a father and son from Hollywood, Florida, to three years and eight years in prison,

police arrested two teenagers for painting hate slogans at the school. The two youths told police

damage.

they were paid \$50 each by a middleman who police said was working for the Rubins. While we as a country and a community struggle to fight

New police unit to deal with illegal foreign workers

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The Rubins were caught after A SPECIAL police unit, respoosible for the expulsion of illegal foreign workers, is to be established soon, as part of the authorities' decision to systemaocally force the illegal workers out of the country.

"Expulsion orders have been issued before, but only on a one-at-a-time basis," said Internal at-a-time basis," Interna

Jerusalem Police arrest 20 CIS prostitutes, 13 employers TWENTY female prostitutes from

former Soviet states - many abused and held here against their cheap hotels and rented apartwill - were detained, along with 13 employers, in Jerusalem late Monday night in a city-wide police bust.

The prostitutes were brought to the country illegally and face expulsion. A police spokesman said the 13 escort service and brothel owners and managers face criminal charges and will be remanded today.

Several of the prostitutes said their employers took their idenoity

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ments. The spokesman also said that several of the women detained vere minors.

Police said the employers detained were largely CIS immigrants who had used their connections to the criminal world in their former homelands to locate the women and obtain false identification papers for them.

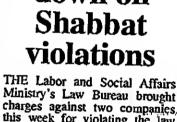
Another prosotute, Svetlana Zirginstora, who was arrested two announced yesterday. She had been brought into the country illegally and lied about ber name and age when arrested.

The Interior Ministry worked with the Moldavian Consulate to discover the teenager's ideotity. The ministry bas asked police to take actioo against the owners of

the massage parlor. Last week it was revealed that a prostitute from the Commonwealth of Independent States was beaten to death two months ago by several workers at a brothel in the Talpio

Penthouse furniture company of nerzilya Prituan are both accused zone where she had worked. Her of baving a Jewish employee work on Shabbat in their stores in Kibbutz Ga'ash's industrial zone. Meretz facoon head MK Haim Oroo called on Labor and Social Affairs Minister Eli Yishai (Shas) to revoke the charges immediately. "Meretz will deal with the issue both on the public and parliamen-tary front," Oron said yesterday. Meretz will end the recurring declarations on the need to reach an agreement with the religious public because every day the minsters representing the religious parties open a new front against another segment of the secular public.' The case will be heard by the Tel Aviv Labor Court. (Itim)

Ministry cracks down on Shabbat



charges against two companies, this week for violating the law relating to days of rest by employing Jewisb workers during Shabbat last year.

Kibbutz Hazorea and the

claimed that the tax authorides in Jerusalem had examined and approved their tax payment meth-



respectively, plus probation, apologics and restitution, the Miami Herald said.

A jury found the two men guilty of theft in an elaborate scheme to vandalize school buses and spray paint antisemitic slogans and swastikas at Miami's Hillel Community School in order to

dren from such narrow-mindedness, Al Rubin and Steven Rubin opened old wounds by fouling a school with such batred and violence for no reason other than greed," the judge said as she sentenced the two men.

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make money by repairing the

NEWS IN BRIEF

Jerusalemite drowns in Kinneret

Haim Levy, 40, of Jerusalem, drowned yesterday while swimming at the Kinnar Beacb on Lake Kinneret. His body washed up on the shore about an hour after he disappeared. He was swimming at a beach without a lifeguard.

Civil service academics declare work dispute

The union of academic workers in the humanities and social sciences has declared a work dispute in the civil service, following the decision to appoint deputy director-generals io government ministries on a political basis. The union is considering legal action, including an appeal to the High Court of Jusoce, union secretary Reuven Goldberg said yesterday. The union has some 35,000 Itim members.

Miller threatens hunger strike over teen Jerusalem deputy mayor Haim Miller (United Torah Judaism) threatened yesterday to begin a hunger strike within 48 hours unless a haredi minor, arrested during the recent Shabbai demonstrations on Rehov Bar-Ilan, is freed immediately.

The 14-year-old was arrested three weeks ago after throwing stones at police and passing cars. His lawyer appealed to the High Court of Jusoce but Judge Dalia Dorner refused to release him. ltim Miller visited the boy yesterday.

Fire razes forest at Umm el-Fahm

Sixty dunams of forest and olive groves near the town of Unim el-Fahm went up in flames yesterday. Dozens of fire engines and JNF teams were called to the site to help fight the blaze, which broke out at about 2 p.m. Police arrested a resident of Umm el-Fahm on Jerusalem Post Staff suspicion of arson.

Security Ministry spokesman Eric and bigotry and to protect our chil-Bar-Chen. "Now we are talking about an operation on a much larger scale.

The internal security ministry, together with the loterior and Labor ministries, reportedly hopes to expel up to 20,000 illegal workers a year, eliminating the estimated 100,000 illegal worker popula-

tion within five years. Internal Security Minister Avigdor Kahalani has made the operation a priority, and earlier this week ordered the new police unit set up. Kahalani also wants a detendon center built where the illegal workers "can be held pending their expulsion." The unit will receive expulsion

orders from the interior ministry and be responsible for locating and detaining the illegal workers named in the orders," Bar-Chen said.

s to prevent them from flee- months ago in a raid on a Tel Aviv ing. They reported being beaten massage parlor, is only 15 years body was only receatly identified. and kept in terrible cooditions in old, the Interior Ministry ltim contributed to this report.

Resident files NIS 100m. suit against Bezeq for overcharging for calls

A COMPUTER engineer yesterday filed a NIS 101.5 million suit against Bezeq in Tel Aviv District Court, claiming the company has been consistently over-charging customers for international calls. The engineer, Yosef Barazani, has asked the court

to recognize the suit as a class-action suit. According to Barazani, Bezeq has been misleading customers by advertising that international calls are charged strictly by the number of minutes and sec-

onds the customer spends on the phone. In fact, the suit said, Bezeq calculates charges by the number of message units, with each minute being worth a certain number of message units; a more expensive call is more message units per minute than a cheaper call. A message unit currently costs 29 agorot. What happens, Barazani claimed, is that when

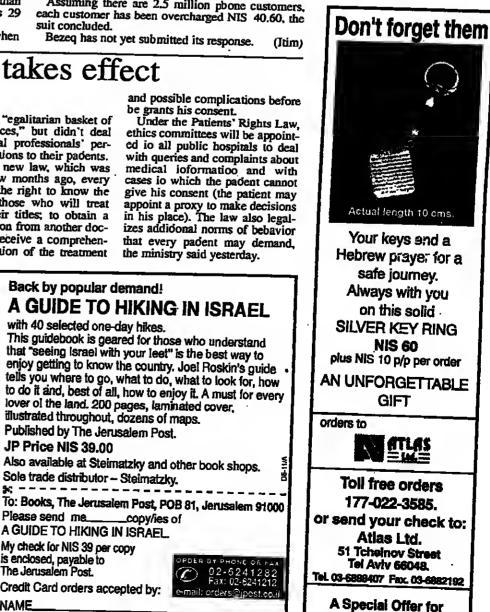
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Bezeg records the length of a call and then translates it into message units, this translatioo usually results in a remainder of fractions of message nnits. According to Barazani, Bezeq always rounds these fractions upward to the next whole message unit, leading customers to pay a bit more for the call than the call actually warrants.

While it is true that customers pay only a few agorot more per call, and few people would give much thought to these tiny overpayments, Bezeq, over the past seven years, has improperly charged NIS 101.5m. on all long distance calls made by all of its customers, Barazani claimed.

Assuming there are 2.5 million phone customers, each customer has been overcharged NIS 40.60, the suit concluded.

Bezeq has not yet submitted its response. (Itim)



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versus medical technology." The law was jointly prepared by the Health and Justice Ministries and the Knesset Labor and Social Affairs Committee. It complements the Basic Law: Human Rights and Freedom as well as other laws dealing with the health system's organi-

zadon and functioning. The National Health Insurance Law, which took effect 19 months ago, set down the rights of all res-

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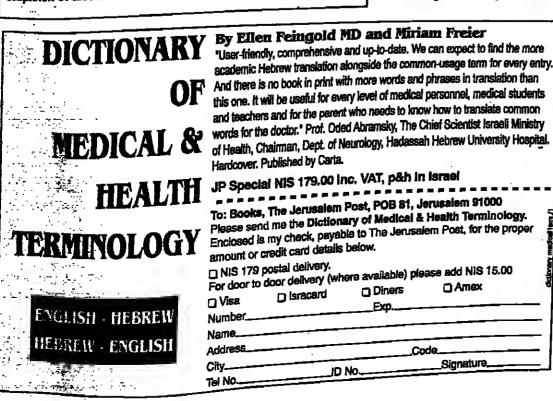
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and possible complications before be grants his consent. Under the Patients' Rights Law, ethics committees will be appointed io all public hospitals to deal with queries and complaints about medical ioformatioo and with cases io which the padent cannot give his consent (the patient may appoint a proxy to make decisions in his place). The law also legalizes additional norms of behavior

the ministry said yesterday.



Patients' Rights Law takes effect

Ministry, is "dedicated to the patieot as a human being with autonomy and rights and tries to bridge the information gap between the doctor and the

WORLD NEWS

NATO enforces Serb site inspection

A top commander inspected a dis-puted military site with the Bosnian Serbs' political leader yesterday, after the NATO-led peace force refused to wink at a violation of the Dayton accord.

Lt. Gen. Sir Michael Walker. commander of the peace force's ground troops in Bosnia, picked up acting president Biljana Plavsic for a helicopter ride to Han Pijesak, the Bosnian Serb military headquarters in eastern Bosnia.

Afterwards, he said he had seen the facility and pronounced his day successful. He added that he had agreed with the Serbs on ways to prevent reoccurrences of the dispute, while Plavsic said only that some things had been smoothed out. Neither gave details.

Walker had promised a "full inspection" of the site, described by NATO spokesman Maj. Brett Boudreau as primarily a headquarters, not a weapons cache.

The visit was also a test of the influence of Plavsic, who recently replaced Radovan Karadzic, a NATO official said on condition of anonymity. Karadzic, as an indicted war crimes suspect, is barred from office under the Dayton accord.

NATO troops across Bosnia are on alert because the Serbs refused to allow an inspection of the site on Saturday, violating Dayton, and because of signs that Iranian terrorists planned to bomb US troops.

The alert, dubbed Operation Fear

News agencies

said

PALE Naught, signaled to the Serbs that more resolute action would follow continued non-compliance, NATO officials said. It will continue in Serb-held terri-

tory until the inspection is completed to NATO's satisfaction, Walker

In Brussels, the United States and NATO pledged their determination yesterday to create the best possible conditions for crucial elections in Bosnia next month despite rising regional tensions.

But US Secretary of State Warren Christopher and NATO Secretary General Javier Solana both agreed that the road ahead was far from smooth, as exemplified by the incident of the Serb refusal to allow IFOR to inspect the ammunition

dump. "We will find some bumps in the road. We found some yesterday. IFOR will do its best so that no violations are permitted of the Dayton (peace) Agreement," Solana told a news conference after meeting Christopher in Brussels.

"We are facing a very crucial moment, the moment of the elections," he said. "The moment when the citizens of Bosnia will have the opportunity to elect their representatives and have the possibility to look to the future and stop looking to the

Christopher, who earlier met the

supreme allied commander Europe. General George Joulwan of the United States and today will be in Geneva to meet the presidents of Croatia, Serbia and Bosnia, echoed Solana's vow to create the best possible conditions for the September 14 poll.

The most critical priority in coming weeks is to ensure that there will be a secure environment and that there will be the kind of freedom of movement which makes possible a democratic election," he said.

US and alliance officials are realistic enough to accept that the con-ditions for the election will be far from ideal.

But they stress that only a year ago, when NATO agreed to use force to defend the so-called safe havens in Bosnia after Srebrenica and Zepa were overrun by the Bosnian Serbs; the holding of elections was not even a remote possibility.

These are not going to be pristine conditions for elections," State Department spokesman Nicholas Burns said. "This is not going to look like a town in Germany, or France or the United States on polling day. We're not going to create those conditions in 31 days."

The voting is intended to create common institutions for the twopart Bosnian state agreed in last year's Dayton accord dividing Bosnia into a Serb entity and a Moslem-Croat federation.



SA Moslem banker arrested for vigilante violence

A Moslem banker was charged yesterday in the vigilante execution of a suspected drug lord in Cape Town's tense gangland.

Nadthmie Edries, 37, was charged with sedition and could face more charges. He was to be jailed pending the outcome of a bail hearing scheduled tomorrow.

Edries is a leader of People Against Gangsterism and Drugs, or Pagad, which has in recent weeks organized numerous protests in front of the homes of suspected drug traffickers.

Masked Pagad members shot and burned to death Hard Living Kids leader Rashaad Staggie in front of his house.

^TStaggie's twin-brother Rashied Staggie has threatened a blood bath uif his brother's killers are not brought to justice.

spokesman John Police Sterrenberg said yesterday that more arrests could be expected. Police visited the houses of at least two other Pagad leaders night, but did not find anyone at home. They also raided the houses of four suspected drug traffickers, but made no arrests. Members of both the gangs and the vigilante group are mostly Moslem, mixed-race South Africans relegated to some of Cape Town's poorest neighborhoods under apartheid. They trace their ancestry to Moslem and Malaysian slaves who were brought to the country in

northern part of the island.

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NICOSIA (AP) - Amid growing tension, Foreign

Minister Alecos Michaelides accused Turkey yester-

day of sending Islamic terrorists to break up Greek

Cypriots protests against Turkey's occupation of the

He also protested to the UN Security Council. call-

ing on it to denounce Turkey for the killing Sunday of

a Greek Cypriot by the so-called Gray Wolves organi-

zation during clashes along the "Green Line" that divides Cyprus into Christian Greek and Moslem

Tassos Isaac, 24, was battered to death by a mob with

iron bars and clubs during the clashes, the east

Mediterranean island's worst sectarian violence since

Turkey invaded in 1974 and seized the northern sector.

More than 40 other Greek Cypriots were injured,

along with 12 Turkish Cypriots policemen in the

fighting, which has sharply heightened tension on the

island amid renewed friction between Greece and

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"Why do they say it now when we are fighting crime? They are trying The gangs have existed for to shift the focus. We are not dreamdecades, but have grown more powers, we are a minority here, how are we going to establish an Islamic erful and dangerous with the rise of the drug trade in recent years. Police state

Vally said drugs, violent crime and have been unable to contain the resulting crime, fueling the vigilante sexual promiscuity were like a cancer destroying the youth of South South African police have suggest-Africa, Moslem and non-Moslem ed that the emergence of a Moslem alike. vigilante movement is part of a plot

never said then we were fighting to bring in an Islamic state," Vally said.

"Our homes are barricaded, you can't go and whistle a tune in the park without being mugged. We have come out of one type of oppression into another."

Mark Shaw, a researcher at the independent Institute for Defense Policy think tank, said the basic problem highlighted by Pagad's campaign was the failure of South Africa's criminal justice system.

studies at the University of South

Africa, said Moslem communities

throughout South Africa were flood-

The Pagad people have been

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ed with drugs.

Turkey, which maintains some 30,000 troops in the

north, has been upgrading its forces in recent months,

while the Greek Cypriots have been acquiring

advanced weapons systems for their outnumbered

Greek Cypriots protesting peacefully," he added.

refugees from 1974 to return to their homes in the north.

Michaelides warned that it could be impossible to pre-

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piled in April but leaked to the press last week said South Africa was on "Bringing up the Islam issue is just oute for the no Shaw said, Ismael Jaffer, a lecturer in Islamic

REPUBLICANS basked yesterday in the glow of the man many wanted to run for president, retired general Colin Powell, as their slickly packaged convention unleashed a drumbeat attack on President Bill Clinton.

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"It was a great oight. We got off to a good start," presidential candidate Bob Dole said hap pily after the first convention session promoted an image for voters of a party with open arms promising new and visionary leadership for America.

The popular general who wouldn't run called candidate Bob Dole a "man of strength, maturity and integrity" as Republicans opened their presidential cominating convention.

The Powell tribute and speeches by two former presidents followed adoption by delegates of a platform more extreme than their nominee on some foreign policy and other issues.

Dole, buoyed by enthusiastic acceptance of running mate Jack Kemp and a belated endorsement from his last remaining rival, Pat Buchanan, promised that "the era of Bill Clinton is about over." Dole said after the opening sessions, "It was a great night. We're off to a great start."

He also hailed new polls showing him, for the. first time, within 10 percents

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would not appear in the ball until its close. It was retired Gen. Powell who played the starring role. Powell, who consistently scored higher than Dole in polls across America before he rejected a by for the nomination, urged Americans to support Dole and Kemp and called for Republicans to blend tolerance and compassion with its conservatism.

"In an era of too much salesmanship and too much smooth-talking, Bob Dole is a plain-spoken man," Powell said in a rousing speech that served as his national debut as a politician. The general who led troops in the Gulf War only recently proclaimed himself a Republican.

"A man of strength, maturity and integrity, he is a man who can bring trust back to government and bring Americans together again," Powell said of Dole.

But some delegates booed when Powell noted his support for abortion rights and affirmative action programs to correct the effects of discrimination against minorities. The boos turned back

work together for our common goal: restoring the American dream."

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The last Republican president, George Bush, took aim at the man who defeated him in 1992, saying, "It breaks my heart when the White House is demeaned, the presidency diminished." Paying tribute to Dole's World War II heroism and decades as a loyal Republican, Bush said of Dole: "He will be a president we can look up to. He will do us proud."

Former President Gerald Ford, who had picked Dole as his vice presidential running mate in an unsuccessful 1976 bid for re-election, said, "I found Bob Dole fit to be president then; I find him even more qualified today."

In the most poignant moment of the evening, former first lady Nancy Reagan, paid tribute to her husband, unable to attend because of Alzheimer's disease.

She said Reagan's optimism was still "very strong" and, if he could speak, he would urge

Republicans: "never, never give up on America." Buchanan, a conservative who has been attacking Dole for months, said he was endorsing the party's sure nominee because the delegales had adopted much of his agenda, including to abortion, repeal of affirmative action laws favoring minorides and tough immigration laws.

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said in a television interview that

members of the Cape Town-based (Pagad) had as their ultimate aim

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A confidential police report com-

Police Director Leonard Knipe

But Hassen Vally, a community leader in the largely Indian district of Lenasia outside Johannesburg, said police were raising the issue of an Islamic state as a way of diverting attention from the real issue, which was crime.

Cyprus accuses Turkey of 'Islamic terrorism'

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conference.

"Moslems paid a heavy price in Pagad on the issue of justice, not on the fight against apartheid, but they ane ideological issue."

10,000-strong National Guard.

President Clinton.

But Dole spoke outside the convention and

ell went on to say: "We are a big enough party, and big enough people, to disagree on individual issues and still

Russians, Chechens fight on

GROZNY (Reuter) - Fighting the army of firing on civilians and raged in Grozny yesterday as Russian troops tried to claw back territory lost when rebels seized much of the Chechen capital eight days ago.

The commanders of the two sides met to discuss a ceasefire, Interfax news agency reported from rebel headquarters. An hour after talks began there was no word of their progress. Througbout the day mortar

bombs, shells and rockets crashed down on the city and refugees had to run a gauntlet of bullets and That mob were members of the extreme Islamic explosions to flee their homes.

Gray Wolves group, who were specially sent to Despite an army statement on Cyprus from Turkey to confront the peaceful anti-occupation demonstration," Michaelides told a news Monday that Russian forces had halted air strikes, helicopter gunships rocketed positions close to "At a time when the whole world is condemning terwhere women and children were rorism, the Security Council must not tolerate the disstruggling to cross a river.

patch of a terrorist group to Cyprus specifically to kill Please tell them to open a corridor." pleaded Ruisa Sukhanova, as she fled with her baby across a vent Greek Cypriots from demonstrating against the occurailway bridge. There are thou-sands of people trapped back pation and Ankara's refusal to allow Greek Cypriot there.

> Sukhoi warplanes flew over a southern suburb, sending up a huge black cloud when a bomb apparently hit an oil storage area. "There's your ceasefire for you," another woman said.

Representatives of Chechnya's pro-Moscow authorities accused

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stopping thousands of them from leaving Grozny, home to 400,000 people before Russia sent soldiers to crush the region's independence bid in 1994.

More than 30,000 people have died since then and hundreds, possibly thousands, are thought to have been killed in the heaviest fighting for 18 months, which started on August 6.

"Tens of thousands of people are trapped on the outskirts of Grozny without food supplies and with a catastrophic lack of medicine," astatement by a Chechen mission in Moscow said.

The Russian migration service said it had received 10 billion roubles (\$2 million) to cope with a new wave of homeless refugees from Grozny, numbering in the tens of thousands. The European Commission in

Brussels approved an aid package worth \$5.3 million for Chechnya, bringing total European Union assistance to nearly \$45 million in 20 months of war.

EU experts reckon more than 100,000 Chechens need food and up to half the population of about 1.2 million requires medical aid. At a hospital in Urus-Martan,

south of Grozny, hard-pressed doclors operated on gaping wounds

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without anaesthetic. The hospital's chief doctor. Ruslan Visaligov, told Reuters: "We are in a pitiful state. We have had to appeal on television for people to bring any medicines or food that they have."

Troops launched what Itar-Tass news agency called a "special operation to expel and destroy fighters in Grozny".

But local resident Alkha Tasuyev said around midday he saw no sign of soldiers in the centre of town, except for those at checkpoints surrounded by rebel fighters.

News agencies later quoted Russian officials as saying the army had made significant territorial gains by the end of the day.

Kremlin security chief Alexander Lebed, hornified at the condition of Russian troops in the region, said Moscow and the rebels were trying to work out a ceasefire.

Rebel chief-of-staff Aslan Maskhadov and the Russian commander, General Konstantin Pulikovsky, mei at 5.25 p.m. at the village of Novye Atagi, 25 km south of Grozny, 10 discuss a ceasefire, Interfax said.

The latest fighting has forced the Kremlin to rethink its policy in Chechnya, which declared itself independent in 1991.

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PARIS (Reuter) - African immigrants on the 40th day of a hunger strike to demand the right to stay in France were unbowed yesterday after a police bid to end their protest, vowing to keep up the fast as supporters joined it.

The eviction of the 10 hunger strikers from a Paris church by not police on Monday earned the center-right government a bar-rage of criticism and threats of legal action. It also led to the widening of the protest.

Police took the 10 to hospitals after the raid on the Saint-Bernard church. But by the end of Monday they were back at the church.

A spokesman for the bunger strikers' support group said some 50 volunteers from human rights associations were fasting yester-day in solidarity with the Africans.

The government, anxious not to lose more voters to the far-right anti-immigrant National Front, stood its ground and pledged no concessions would be made.

The hunger strikers, chiefly Malians in their late 20s or early 30s, have said that doctors released them after they refused to take food at the hospitals.

Human rights groups and the opposition Socialist party condemned the police action, labelled a "martial display" by the left-leaning daily Liberation.

It quoted several lawyers as saying they planned to sue the Paris police chief for alleged infringement of the hunger strikers' freedom.

Police said the raid was ordered on health grounds. But a member of the medical relief group Medecins du Monde quoted 2 health official as saying it was "not a medical decision",

"This is obviously an illegal act which violates the freedom of the individual," said attorney Didier. Leger, who added that the main aim of the raid had been to stage a publicity stunt.

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GAZA CITY YOUB Akhras spent four years in Israeli jails for supporting Palestinian militants. Salah Kadoumi spent 22 years in exile. Now they are masterminding a new project: Palestinian TV's first serial television series.

As producer and director of Fishermen's Nichis, they are leading the latest breakthrough in the Palestinians' march toward selfdetermination.

The low-budget series, using mostly props found on local beaches, begins airing in January. Its 39 episodes weave Palestinian history under Israeli rule, through rebellion to the current autonomy - into a maze of crime, personal tragedy and unrequited love.

The fishermen and their problems of poverty under the occupation are a reflection of Palestinian said society," 45-year-old Kadoumi, the energetic director. "Camera! Sound! Action!" Kadoumi beliowed through a megaphone across a Gaza beach. ordering his nine actors into place for filming this week.

On cue, drug-peddling fisherman Abu Sharr stuffs the head of his colleague Jamil into a bucket of water and threatens to slit his throat. Jamil, suspected of stealing Abu Sharr's supplies, pleads innocence. Abu Sharr, whose name means "Father of Evil," finally lets the whimpering Jamil go free. "Cut," shouted Kadoumi, satisfied with the take.

Although Kadoumi says drama is

at the core of the show, politics is



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also in the air. "During the intifada the Israelis controlled all this and we could not film on location," said actor Akram Obeid. 29, who once worked as a house painter in Israel. "There is no doubt that the peace process gives us the full freedom for actors to work.'

provide funding for Palestinian art, theater or cinema. The few directors and producers there were raised their own money. Palestinian television did not exist. Fishermen's Nights is the first large-scale mini-series to be shown

by the Palestinians' only relevision station, which also airs newscasts, smaller series and a handful of special programs. Akhras, the producer, said he

spent his four years in jails for aiding the Fatah Hawks, once associated with Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat. Kadoumi spent 22 years in exile, returning in 1994 when Gaza gained autonomy. Like many, he fled the West Bank shortly after 1967.

Kadoumi, who earned a communications doctorate in Bulgaria, said that with Fishermen's Nights, he is aiming for a delicate "European" touch, distinct from the sometimes overwrought local fare.

The show is careful not to offend its target audience. A young woman is covered in traditional dress, and although she has a secrel boyfriend. the couple never kisses onscreen.

"It would not be appropriate for our audience, for the Arabic culture," explained Kadoumi. "We don't believe in this kind of love." Kadoumi refused to discuss his

budget, which is provided by the impoverished Palestinian Authority, which runs the lone TV station, But he pointed out that the cos-

tumes were regular clothing and most of the props, from the fishing boats to an abandoned pier that colapsed two years ago in mid-construction, were simply found on the beach.

Kadoumi conceded the acting still needs work.

"During the past years, these actors and artists were not nurtured or utilized, so they are not the best," he said. "Their work reflects the The Israeli government did not society in which they live." (AP)

Egypt denies seeking Sudan airline ban

GYPTIAN President Hosni Mubarak has denied Sudanese accusations that Egypt wrote a draft resolution that would ban all international flights by Sudan's national airline.

The draft is expected to be discussed in the UN Security Council this week. The ban would prohibit flights by Sudan Airways abroad. Foreign airlines would be allowed to continue flying to the Sudanese capital Khartoum, according to

newspaper reports.

Ahram daily. However, he also urged the Sudanese government to stop its alleged support of terrorism.

Sudan has always denied the suspects are in its territory. Sudanese President Omar el-Bashir told Sudanese Television that he welcomed any investigating team to examine his government's efforts to find the suspects, Egypt's Middle East News Agency said.

ING Hussein of Jordan's political maneuvering has paid off once again with a visit to Saudi Arabia this week that took Amnian much closer to healing a deep rift with one the Middle East's most powerful players.

"This is a very significant visit. It's a sign that things are warming up but that's not to say relations have been completely repaired," said a Western diplomat in Riyadh.

King Hussein, renowned for his shrewd knack for navigating the region's political minefields, arrived in Saudi Arabia to be greeted by King Fahd at the airport in their first encounter since the 1990 Gulf crisis caused by Iraq's invasion of Kuwait.

The visit, which included talks with King Fahd, marked a rap-

prochement between the two Arab monarchs after six years of bitter-ness over the 1991 Gulf war,

"Jordan has always been able to conduct a balancing act with its neighbors. King Hussein has dis-tanced himself from the Iraqis and this has brought him closer to the Saudis," said another Western diplomat.

"King Hussein also knows that Jordan lost out badly as a result of its stand in the Gulf war in terms of aid from the West and the Gulf. This is part of his strategy to move into the Western camp. But other analysts linked Saudi

Arabia's willingness to mend ties with Jordan to American pressure. The reconciliation des in with American efforts to unify moder-

ate Arab states io the peace process," said a diplomat.



A Jordanian worker carries bread for customers at a bakery in Amman yesterday. The government on Monday announced an increase in the price of bread as part of a move to remove wheat subsidies. (Reuter)

Iran faces disillusionment

King Hussein's presence was ignored by the official Saudi news

But King Fahd hosted a banquet in King Hussein's honor attended Jordan's ties with oil-rich and by senior Saudi officials including influential Saudi Arabia were rup-tured in August 1990 when Riyadh Crown Prioce Abdullah and Defense Minister Prince Sultan. and other Gulf Arab capitals were King Hussein's efforts to reconangered at Amman's refusal to cile with Saudi Arabia gained significant momentum when he Saudi oil supplies to Jordan were cut off and Amman was turned agaiost Iraqi President Saddam Hussein after the defecforced to rely solely on Iraq for its oon of two senior Iraqi officers to King Fahd did not receive King Jordan 3 year ago.

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A Western diplomat in Riyadh said Saudi Arabia wanted to retain Hussein on his first official visit to Saudi Arabia in five years in influence over all players in the Middle East peace process, Two years earlier, he snobbed the Jordanian monarch by refusing including Jordan. to see him while he performed a

Saudi Arabia, a key US ally, has receotly witnessed a flurry of diplomade acovity centered on the

peace process with visits to the kingdom by Egypoan President Hosni Mubarak and Palestinian President Yasser Arafat.

A Saudi analyst said the time had come for reconciliation with Jordan, addiog that Riyadh needed Amman's cooperation in fighting terrorism.

"King Hussein was punished enough. You can't always be angry at your neighbor. We need Jordan's help in combaring terrorism," the analyst said.

Jordan, which has a history of close security cooperation with Gulf states, gave Saudi Arabia a file on Moslem fundamentalist groups and pro-Iranian guerrillas to help its investigation into the June 25 bombiog that killed 19 US airmen in Dhahran, Jordanian officials saíd. (Reuter)

Kuwait rejects Arafat's overtures

UWAIT this week dis-missed a call by Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat to put aside grudges over the 1991 Gulf war, saying Arafat had first to condemn Iraq's 1990 invasion and acknowledge Kuwaiti suffering in the crisis.

"Leaders in the Third World do not have the courage to apologize for their mistakes and say 'I am sorry', so Kuwains have never asked Arafat to apologize," said foreign ministry undersecretary Suleiman al-Shaheen.

"But he does have to show that he recognizes that Kuwaitis suffered - because, after all, his own people have suffered a lot," al-Shaheen said.

Arafat last mooth criticized Kuwait for expelling thousands of Palestinians because of his "mistake against Kuwait" in the Gulf crisis. He urged Kuwait to let bygones be bygones and said Palestinians in Kuwait, one of the wealthiest communities of the Palestinian diaspora, lost \$12,6 billion during the crisis.

Kuwait was angered by Arafat's sympathy for Baghdad during Iraq's seven month occupacioo of Kuwait in 1990-91 and severed ties with the PLO, including generous fuoding for the group.

Shaheen added: "Arafat has to show his pain and feeling for the suffering of the people of Kuwait 25-year-old who identified himself and condemn the occupation by

(Reuter)

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Reladons between Sudan and Egypt have deteriorated sharply If passed, the ban would broadsince the attack on Mubarak. They en diplomatic sancoons imposed against Sudan since since May for appeared to be on the brink of improvement when the two leadits failure to hand over three suspects in the attempt on Mubarak's ers met on the sidelines of an Arab life in Ethiopia in June 1995. He summit in June and agreed to efforts to sort out their differences. Mubarak said that Egypt was consultiog with UN members But in his comments to the editors. Mubarak said a joint Egyptian-Sudanese security comabout the ban and implied that Egypt was not in favor of it. Egypt does not agree with mittee had failed to reach any results because of the Sudanese choking an entire people to face terrorism," Mubarak was quoted

"policy of procrasonatioo" on Egypoan demands concerning terrorism. He did not elaborate. (AP)

Soldier fools Iraqis, escapes to Egypt

tricked both his countrymen and Egyptian diplomats into believing be was an Egyptian laborer has escaped to Egypt to request political asylum, Egyptian police said.

Ahmed Ahmed Ali, 32, was allowed by police to tell his story to reporters, saying he fled Iraq because of poliocal repression and increasing poverty under UN Security Council sanctions.

Nuweiba at the weekend after fooling Iraqi officials and Egyptian diplomats by speaking Arabic with an Egyptian accent, said police sources, who spoke under custom-

N Iraqi army deserter who ary rules of anonymity. He claimed he was from Mansura north of Cairo but had lost

his identity papers. Many Egyptians worked as laborers in Iraq prior to the 1991 Gulf war. Iraqi authoriues turned him over to Egypoan diplomats in Baghdad, who gave him money to go home. He asked for asylum on arrival, and

Egypt is consideriog his case. "Kill me here, but don't send me back to Iraq," Ali quoted himself as

pleading to passport officials. He told reporters that in Iraq there is oppression and hunger. Women sell themselves for food, and whoever speaks out is either jailed or killed." (AP) HE mural of an American flag with the red streaks of L rockets and white skulls as stars is a curious relic. The weekly chants of "Death to Israel" at Teheran University sound more

rehearsed than revolutionary. And the seemingly endless war of words between Teheran and Washington plays itself out once again, this time against a backdrop of economic hardship, political dis-illusionment and Iranian ambivalence toward the West.

The government dismisses as baseless the suggestion by US officials earlier this month that Iran might have had a hand in the June 25 bombing that killed 19 US servicemen in Dhahran, Saudi Arabia. Iranian Foreign Minister Ali Akbar Velayati complains that Washington is "looking for an excuse for adventurism." The English-language Iran News warns that Iranian forces should be put on alert. "One should expect all kinds of irrationalioes and absurdioes from a US president in an election year," it said io an editorial.

That the suggestions came as President Clinton signed legislation to penalize foreign companies investing in Libya and Iran reinforced an attitude bere that the Islamic republic is being made a scapegoat. It's an outlook shared even by those critical of the regime. Tranians are continually suspicious of what the Americans want to do, and American policy-makers nourisb such suspicions," said

ANTHONY SHADID TEHERAN

the Freedom Movement, an opposition group in Iran.

Yazdi, who served as foreign minister after the 1979 revolution, said more troubling is that the United States has ignored an often vigorous debate inside Iran over the country's future.

The American government is neglecting and underestimating the whole revolution," he said in an interview. "Iranian society is going through stages of changes."

Although Westerners may see Iran as an austere and silenced society, Iranians are quick to criocize the government for soaring prices and rampant corruption.

For many, hopes of a better future have faded like the once-colorful revolucionary murals along Teheran's streets.

"The Iranian people are like a cigarette butt. The government has put it beneath its foot and pressed." Manucher Rastiger, a 60-year-old retiree, said as he sat in a park in north Teheran.

In newspapers, the flap with Washington has warranted some headlines but not extensive coverage. Editorials have trumpeted the lack of support from Russia and Washington's European allies for the new sanctions, hailing it as a clear sign that the effort is doomed. Public debate also has been brewing over the future direction of

PEACEMAKERS. PEACEMAKING?

Ibrahim Yazdi, secretary-general of Iran's government. A parliament

that took office in the spring reelected a powerful hard-line speaker. Next year, voters will pick a successor to moderate President Hashemi Rafsanjani.

Intellectuals have publicly proposed that the nature of the govern-ment should be recoosidered. Abdel-Karim Soroush, an Islamic intellectual, has even suggested that mosque and state might better be served by separation.

On the other hand, authorities in recent months have vigorously enforced Islamic law - cracking down on dress code violations, public gatherings of young men and women, and private parties where alcohol is served.

A Teheran youth center exemplifies the somewhat contradictory attitude demonstrated toward the

At the government-built center, teenagers can study English along with piano and violin. The center offers concerts of Beethoven and Mozart. A theater under construction soon will present "Les Miserables."

Young Iranians, especially the wealthy, crave Western music and fashion and many use illicit satellite dishes to learn about trends. They chafe at the social restrictions the government has imposed.

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A foreign problem

"HE number of foreign workers in Israel has ballooned from 16,000 in

1990 to over 200,000 today, about half of them illegal. While it is perhaps flattering that the Israeli economy has become sufficiently prosperous to attract workers from central Europe. south Asia, Africa, and the Arab world, this influx may be planting the seeds of the problems that now plague western European nations that have followed a similar path.

At the moment, Israel's foreign workers seem to be solving a problem - they reduce labor costs without posing the security risk that Palestinian workers do. Deputy Minister of Construction and Housing Meir Porush bas protested calls to reduce foreign labor saying it would hurt the construction sector "at the peak of its activity."

But a closer look at the European experience reveals that an economy can become addicted to foreign workers in a way that is difficult to shake.

In Tel Aviv, for example, every sixth resi-dent is a foreign worker, if the estimated figure of 70,000 foreign workers in the city is accurate. Some neighborhoods in the poorer parts of the city, are turning into run-down, foreign enclaves. As in Europe, the profile of the foreign worker is shifting from the young single man with a work permit, to young fam-ilies with children, all of wbom are in Israel illegally. These children, according to a study conducted in Tel Aviv by city councillor Michael Ro'i, are placing an ever-increasing burden on the city's mother-and-child clinics. At present, these children, once they reach school age, are generally sent back to their grandparents in their countries of origin. But should this change, the educational system will have to decide how to bandle a sudden influx of non-Jewish, largely non-Hebrewspeaking pupils.

While governments seem to think that the process of absorbing foreign workers is easily reversible in the event of an economic slowdown, in practice it becomes increasingly difficult to reduce the number of these workers once the economy has become dependent upon them and they become increasingly entrenched in the fabric of society.

Moreover, while replacing Palestinian workers with foreigners may reduce security risks, it leads to economic suffering on the other side of the Green Line, which, if llowed to continue, may prove heat bomb that could explode in Israel's face. According to Terje Larsen, the UN special coordinator for the territories, each Palestinian working in Israel supports some the Palest 10 people inside the Palestinian Authority-

ruled areas, and every 10,000 workers in Israel per annum brings in about \$20 million revenues for the PA. Palestinians also pose a distinct advantage over foreign workers: They go home to their towns and villages when the day is done, and thus cannot develop into a financial or social burden.

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While most Israelis intuitively feel that closures increase their security - and there have been fewer terrorist attacks during closures it is hard to think of a single case in recent times of a Palestinian worker with a permit committing a terrorist act. Indeed, there is a serious security argument for lifting the closure and increasing the numbers of Palestinian workers allowed to work in Israel. Without substantial numbers of Palestinians working in Israel, the threat of future closures ceases to become an incentive for the PA to cooperate in fighting terrorism.

There is some government recognition that something must be done. US Undersecretary of Commerce Stuart Eizenstadt bas urged Israel to make room for Palestinians by expelling 100,000 foreign workers, and Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu expressed understanding for Eizenstadt's appeal. The prime minister also told the Forum of Arab Council Heads this week that he would try to increase the number of Palestinians allowed to work in Israelwbile an inter-ministerial committee chaired by Labor and Social Affairs Ministry Acting Director-General Asber Pri-Har will reportedly recommend reducing the foreign work force by 20,000 by next April.

Netanyahu, in fact, has been using the incremental easing of the closure as a gift be can dispense upon arrival in each Arab capital. In both Cairo and Amman, Netanyahu announced that a few thousand more Palestinian workers will be allowed into Israel, and at a press conference with Arab journalists be made clear that be has no ideological commitment to the closure and views it purely as a security measure.

Obviously, the closure cannot be lifted, even partially, if there is a threat to security. Such a threat can be minimized by enhancing the screening process that is already being employed in granting work permits to Palestinians, Identification checks and protections against document forgery should also be carefully implemented.

When talking of closures, it is time to view our security and the national interest from ave not been considere past, such as the need to reduce dependence on foreign workers, the importance of resuscitating the Palestinian economy, and giving the Palestinians something to lose in the face



'Settlemania' in silence

URI AVNERY

bull rampaging through a china shop. A relentless bulldozer destroying everything in its path. It's Ariel Sharon, and he's back.

One could compare him 10 a drug addict who has been in withdrawal for the last four years but has now been given access to a huge stash of narcotics - narcotics called "settlements." However, the comparison wouldn't quite be right, because Sharon's settlement activities were in full swing during the last four years, thanks to the diligent efforts of Peres and Co.

This most frightening realization comes as the Likud's takeover tears away the previous government's veil of hypocrisy and lies. The facts speak for themselves: in four years of a Labor-Meretz government, the settler ranks grew by 40.000, a figure unmatched by any four-year period of Likud rule.

Stealthily, Dishonestly, Like thieves in the night. One band signed the Oslo Accords, promising: "a historic reconciliation between two peoples," while the other hand continued to build settlements. "We had no choice," explained the hypocrites when they were caught in the act. "Sharon had signed agreements to build ten thousand homes, and we had no choice.'

This, of course, is a lie. When the previous government first came to power, I spoke with then-housing minister Binyamin Ben-Eliezer. He told me that the govemment was considering enacting a law to void the contracts of the settlement, offering the building in exchange. This compensation would have been a small fraction of what was ultimately spent in settlement construction. The Labor-Merctz government had the choice, but did not make it. Instead, the government even went so far as to build the roads which Sharon's plan called for, such as the circumferential road

around Ramallah. This road does nol serve any populace, not even the sentlers. It is solely intended as a prison wall surrounding the city. there to prevent the city's normal development and growth. Who built it? The Labor-Meretz govemment. The bottom line: for four years, that government enacted Ariel Sharon's programs and poli-

SHARON HIMSELF went to the trouble of explaining the goal of his settlement policies: to hack the Palestinian territories to pieces, in order to enclose the Palestinians in narrow ghenos - small islands in a sea of Israeli occupation. Each

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The previous goverment enacted Sharon's programs and policies

Palestinian town would be choked off by a belt of settlements and bypass roads, so that at a moment's notice it could be put under closure, starved and subdued Prime Minister Binyamin

Netanyahu has already made it clear that he shares this grand vision. "The Palestinians should direct their own lives" within these enclaves, he says, "but the responsibility for security will remain in our hands." In other words, the occupation will endure

"New Middle East" does not agree even to these minimal conces-

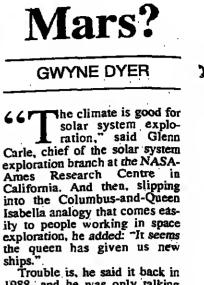
So what does Peres believe in? Sharon's plan, in different wrapping. Now it is clear that Oslo II was created for just this purpose. The borders of Area C match Sharon's plans almost perfectly: an Israeli sea of occupation engulfing Palestinian ghettos.

A question: where was Meretz while the settlements were swelling by almost 50 percent? Where was Peace Now? Now, suddenly the left is returning to action, promising to monitor the rapid settlement growth.

For four years they were silent. For four years they silenced their own supporters and even the devoted media. Why? Because the settlement policy was perpetrated by their own government - their Labor, their Meretz. And now settlement growth can proceed apace, in full view, with insatiable lust, by Sharon, the original settlemaniac himself.

Such a policy was already tried in South Africa. There they referred to ghettos as "Bantustans," The Bantu tribes were given a few "home-lands," in which they could "direct their own lives" under the watchful eye of the surrounding white gov-erament. We know how that turned out just ask Nelson Mandela.

The Palestinians are no Bantu tribes. More than one bundred nations now recognize the State of Palestine, whose flag proudly flew alongside those of the other nations at the Olympics. And indeed, there can be no peace without establishing a Palestinian state alongside the State of Israel. Sharon's entire plan is, of course, intended to prevent such a possibility, to prevent peace forever. But the real shame belongs to Labor and Meretz, for squandering the last four years enacting Sharon's policies when they could have made peace instead. The writer heads the Peace



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1988, and he was only talking about unmanned planetary probes, not real spaceships. The unmanned probes sent out by NASA have produced some spectacular fly-by photographs of our neighboring planets since then, but there has been nothing by way of deep-space exploration by actual human beings since the Apollo moon program was shut down, three trips sbort of the number originally planned, in 1972.

So will the recent announcement that primitive life once existed on Mars by a team of nine NASA-backed scientists finally make the queen give them some real ships to go to Mars in? And is that why NASA gave the announcement such huge publicity?

Second question first; of course it is. NASA's business is space exploration, and if it comes across some scientific hypothesis that it believes will persuade the public to pay for the ships, it will back it hard. Nothing illegitimate there, and the scientists involved in the study are all people of bigh reputation who would not shade their conclusions to suit their sponsor.

More interesting, perhaps, is how the space agency tripped over this particular strategy for drumming up support. After all, the two unmanned Viking spacecraft that landed on Mars in 1976 carried experimental packages to search for signs of microbial life in the Martian soil - and the results were negative.

But 10 years later, in 1986, à NASA review conference on the Viking experiments (which got little publicity at the time) was told that the 1976 experiments had very probably found soil samples tested by the robot A manned Mars expedition is much more feasible and affordable than in the 1980s

Now, just two months after the elections, Shimon Peres has declared his opposition to his protege Yossi Betlin's plan for final status. Beilin proposed a shrunken map of a Palestinian state, full annexation of the settlement blocs to Israel, and some intellectual exercises over Jerusalem. Apparently, the architect of the Bloc.

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The review of photographs, cultural shifts and rising ecolog-ical awareness by the mid-1980s were producing a public audi-ence much likelier to be interested in the existence of life elsewhere in the universe.

The so-called "Mars Underground" at the agency, an informal network of people who never accepted the abandonment of NASA's original ambitions for manned interplanetary exploration, went looking for more evidence about extraterrestrial life that would satisfy a doubtful public. It looks like they have found it in the interior of an ancient rock knocked loose from Mars by an asteroid collision 15 million years ago that eventually fell in Antarctica.

So will they get their ships at last? Maybe. Space activity has survived the collapse of ils orig-. inal stimulus, the Cold War, and a new US space station and costefficient second-generation space shuttles are due to be ready within five or six years.

That would make a manned Mars expedition much more feasible and affordable - and late 20th-century environmental concerns make any investigation of the early origins and eventual fate of other ecospheres a rela-tively easy sell. We have lived our whole history with only one example, and Mars could be a whole second example of bow an ecosphere evolves.

1996 is a more cautious time than 1961, and more financially strapped, too, bul it has recovered from the nadir of the mid-1980s.

What President Bill Clinton said was, for him, quivering on the brink of unequivocal: American space program will put its full intellectual power and technological prowess behind the search for further evidence of life on Mars."

Is that a promise to actually go there? No. But it's considerably better than what NASA bas been used to hearing.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR I

BREASTFEEDING

Sir, - Thank you for your report of July 24 on the Israeli Childbirth Educational Center's condemnation of the Ministry of Health for violating the Innocenti Declaration of the World Health Organization on breastfeeding.

I have been a lactation counselor in the Negev region for 12 years, and in my experience, the neglect of the health of our nation's infants, children and mothers is outrageous. It is the job of the Ministry of Health and every health professional to promote breastfeeding, and this does not end with a nurse or doctor saying "breastfeeding is best." It is the job of the Ministry of Health, and of the nursing and medical schools, to educate their students that pacifiers are detrimental to breastfeeding and baby's health and why; that molher's milk is the standard and formula falls far short of it and why; that if breastfeeding doesn't seem to be working, before telling a mother to give formula or solids, an all-out effort must be made to determine why it's not working. Why does the Ministry of Health

allow infant berbal teas to carry a label that they can be given from day one of life? Why does the Ministry of Health allow plain cornflour, a soup or gravy thickener with no nutritional value whatsoever, to be markeled with a baby's face on the

Sir, - Germany and Iran facilitated the return to Israel of the bodies of Yosef Fink and Rahamim Alsheikh - soldiers captured alive by Hizbullah in 1986. Germany uses the event to justify its ongoing, com-mercially beoeficial relationship with Iran, and suggests there has been a "softening" of the Teberansponsored Hizbullah's attitude towards Israel, something which should perhaps bring about a reciprocal Israeti gesture of goodwill. A Hamas terrorist points to the spot where his colleagues buried IDF soldier Ilan Sa'adon after kidnapping and killing him in 1989. The PLO is tauded for all the "ef-RĮ forts" it made to secure this information, and Israelis say relations between Yasser Arafat and Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu are expected to improve as a result. Perhaps, it is suggested, Israel should reciprocate by releasing Hamas Jerusalem.

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package and sold in the baby-food section of stores? Why does the Ministry of Health allow its name to be used and its workers supposedly quoted in promotional literature of baby-food companies recommending baby cereal from the age of one month?

The many Israeli violations of the Innocenti Declaration are just the very tip of an iceberg of neglect of infant nutrition.

An article in The Jerusalem Post of January 30 should alarm people. It was entitled "Juvenile diabetes soars among Jews here," and said that researchers believe "it seems to have something to do with the decline in breastfeeding, which is known to have a protective effect against ... diabetes in children." This is a distortion of the truth. The point should be that not breastfeeding increases the risk of juvenile diabetes. Not breastfeeding also increases

the risk of a certain childbood can-cer, pneumonia, H. influenzae, maternal premenopausal breast cancer and other serious health problems, as well as the risk of depriving a child of as much as 10 IQ points. Even the most "advanced" formula is a poor choice for infant feeding method, putting immunological and developmental systems at risk.

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brought years of pain and grief to the families of these men. Instead of thanking them, Israel should use all the intelligence-gathering expertise it commands to ruthlessly track down and bring their killers to

MORAL BANKRUPTCY Sir, - I refer to the article in Money of July 17, entitled "Return of the living Jews," about Israeli entrepreneurs boosting the Polish economy. It is truly a shame that Mr. Shmuel Dankner, who seems to possess such an acumen for business, can be so ignorant about to his own

Jewish history. Your article states "that while the sound of German makes him shiver, be has less qualms when it comes th the Poles." My father lost all but two of a family of 200 in Poland during the war, and my mother, as an only child, lost ber parents and many relatives. They were witness to the fact that the Poles were instrumental in belping the Nazis to destroy Polish Jewry, and that their unsurpassed enthusiasm in this task led to so many more Jewish lives being taken.

The fact remains that after the war, the surviving Jews were not afraid to live in Germany, but were terrified of even visiting their old homes in Poland to search for lost family members. The postwar pogrom in Kielce is only the most infamous of many. What is even worse is that these Jews were killed by Poles who had been their neighbors and had known them for most if not all of their lives. Mr. Darkner may be far from fi-

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leader Sbeikh Ahmed Yassin. was done to previous Jewish genera-What a sick and cynical use of the tions is usually the same place dead bodies of Jews. where moral bankruptcy reigns Not one news network emphasupreme. This man should reconsider his sized the fact that Fink and Alsheikh were murdered in cold blood and that the war criminals who killed priorities in helping rebuild a coun-try that was greatly responsible for the destruction of three million of its them should be brought to trial. No one is demanding that Sheikh Yas-Jewish inhabitants. sin be held responsible for the vi-

Jerusalem. To say that Hizbuilah, Iran, Arafat, his PLO and Hamas should be thanked is like asking a woman wbo is being raped to thank ber attacker for stopping. These monsters have

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irreplaceable employees who Sir, - I was disappointed that yon approve of subliminal cigarene adowe their loyalties elsewhere. The recent post office scandal vertising. In the Time Out section of where Likud election literature July 26, your front-page photo of the famous singer Shlomo Artzi with a was proven to have been jettisoned and not delivered by Labor cigarette shows poor taste. Many Party members who held high young people will see this photo and positions in the Post Office, is just will want to emulate this popular another example of the malady. Just an inkling of what is

effectively.

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Israeli economy, and vigorously opposes all efforts of privatizanon that would threaten its virtual monopolistic hold on Israel's industry and commerce. At the same time, buttressed by their old socialisoc credo it is very bard, particularly in the public sector, to fire any worker here. Unfortunately, the judiciary, whose members for the most part got their jobs through loyalty to

lowed was typical standard Labor character assassination of an opponent who dares reveal its improprieties. The defamation of Landau by Labor lackeys was given widespread coverage by the media, still controlled by Labor Typically, the media gave most of its time and space to the Labor and Meretz opposition on the issues raised. That stalwart, non-partisan defender of the faith, Mereiz leader Yossi Sarid was called upon 10 observe that the present relationship between the the political and military echelons had "never been so bad."

Unintentionally, he proved what Landau was saying hadmerit; that indeed the situation was bad because some in the military leadership were continuing 10 justify and promote the former Labor objectives, despite the new mandate given to Netanyahu in the elections.

WHAT is important to observe from this whole falsely created hullabaloo, is that forces seeking to change the Labor-Histadrut stranglehold on the economy. and Labor's control of every

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aspect of national life, have an **RUTH MATAR** immense and difficult hurdle to overcome. rectly by a strong but objective Today, it is the IDF-Labor

statement made by Uzi Landau, relationship that has been the newly appointed Chairman exposed. Tomorrow it may be an of the Knesset Foreign Affairs investigation into why there is an and Defense Committee. He invisible quota to the Labor conaccused some former and pretrolled appointments to the sent IDF officers of being yes-Supreme Court, where Labor men to the previous Labor govsees to it that not more than one ernment, particularly concerning the Oslo accords as they affect Hebron and other areas in Judea and Samaria. The uproar that fol-

It will be hard to break the labor-Histadrut stranglehold on the economy

religious Jew is allowed to be appointed to the court at any one time. Certainly, any attack on Labor's improper use of the Histadrut to disrupt the operathe sudden emerging pattern of calling frequent strikes in an attempt to paralyze and disrupt the functioning of day to day life, will evoke similar vicious

attacks by the Labor establishment. So will unrestrained attacks be forthcoming on critics of Labor's artificial control of the economy and its labyrinth of administrative and other roadblocks in order to prevent the privatization of industry, and the competitiveness of a free econo-

mv. In the face of all of the above realities, it was truly a miracle that brought about the defeat of the powerful and mighty Labor giant. The results of that election give meaning and hope to all believing Jews.

Despite the powerful Labor forces led by Shimon Peres, there is, as shown by the eleclions, a majority of Jews who slill believe in a Jewish stale. The battle for Jewish survival goes on. It is a battle, however, by new Jewish forces, made up in no small part by immigrants from the US and elsewhere who are providing the ideology and faith that are needed to assure victory.

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"t is very difficult for Jews in the Diaspora to fully comprehend the extent of power and control which the Labor Party, even when out of power, exercises over the day to day life here . Economically, the Labor Party,

through its supporters and its

alter-ego, the Histadrut, main-

tains a right-fisted control of the

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portive of such an unhealthy and

short-sighted protective policy.

Thus, the normal changeover and

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making it extremely difficult for

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The Labor government was busy to the last day filling ambassadorial posts with its own

party loyalists, who could not be

replaced by the new Netanyahu

government. But even on the

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eign service employees, and in

the vital area of communications,

the judiciary, and even in the

army itself. there are scores of

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REMATURELY eulogized. Yiddish just refuses to lie down and die. Whenever it appears that the end is finally in sight, a new group of rescuers rallies to its revival.

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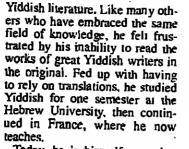
And believe it or not, Yiddish, for growing numbers of unaffiliated and intermarried Jews, represents à return to their roots - a point of identification - especially when neither relig on nor Ziooism has any deep significance for them.

This is what emerged at a recent international conference organized in Tel Aviv and Jerusalem by the New Generation Lovers of Yiddish.

Parisian-born Gilles Rozier, 33, director of Medem Yiddish Library in Paris, muses over this expanding interest in Yiddish, "French Jews are by and large terribly assimilated," he observed, "But some of these Jews now want to find out more about who they are. They don't feel comfortable in synagogues, and they have no affinity with Zionism, so they turn 10 Yiddish."

Some 150 people study Yiddish at the Medem library each week, and another 500 receive Yiddish language instruction at six other facilities in Paris.

Rozier himself didn't start speaking Yiddish till 10 years ago when studying for a doctorate in

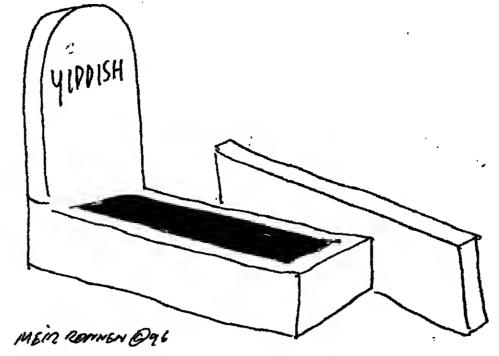


Today, he is himself a teacher who sounds as if he's been speaking Yiddish all his life. Better still. he can switch effortlessly from Lithuanian to Galician pronunciation and back again.

WHEN nursery-school teacher Marcia Gruss Levinsohn, currently of Süver Springs, Maryland, was a small child, she spoke only Yiddish to her grandmother, who died when she was seven. Gruss-Levinsohn's older siblings attended the local Yiddish school in New Jersey, but by the time it was her turn, the school had closed down.

She had an occasional pang for Yiddish, but the lack of it in her life did not really make itself felt until her own eldest grandchild, then aged four, called her "Buhbe," the Yiddish word for grandma.

"Suddenly it dawned on me that I wasn't a bubbe in the true sense of the word, so in 1983 I went to



study Yiddish." She enrolled at Columbia University in an intensive six-week course and subsequenily set up a once-a-week Yiddish nursery class in her home, leaching anywhere between five and 10 children. She also invites the parents. Some are intermarried or products of mixed marriages. "They feel strange in a synagogue, so they come to me instead.

Now in her 60s, the hom-again Yiddishist leaches her young charges not only to speak but to read and write Yiddish. She even translated and published Guldilocks and the Three Beors, and her sister Fay Williams, who teaches art to New York high schoolers, illustrated it. For parents who had trouble with the vocabulary. Gruss Levinsohn provided a transliterated crib sheet. Although her grammar is more

than a little rusty, and her vocabulary not nearly as rich as she would like it to be, Gruss Levinsohn dauntlessly persists in speaking Yiddish at every opportunity. (It would have been much easier for both of us had the interview with her been conducted in English, but she refused to speak anything but Yiddish.)

Also participating in the confer-ence: Argentinian-born Holon school principal Arye Blinder, 54, who has lived in Israel for 26 years, is an elementary-school principal who encourages students to explore Jewish heritage of which Yiddish is a part. To pro-

vide a balance, he also introduced the study of Ladino. What intrigued him most was that when auditions were held for the Yiddish production of Mottel the Cantor's Son, children of Sephardi background acquitted themselves much better than their Ashkenazi schoolmates.

Fellow Argentinian expatriate Dvora Kossman, 49, who has just published an illustrated Yiddish book for children, works solely in haredi schools and leaching seminaries, primarily in Jerusalem. Some haredi schools teach all subjects in Yiddish, she said, whereas others teach Yiddish as a second language. Because her domain is only in girls' schools and seminaries for women, Kossman was unable to even guess at the total number of haredi youngsters receiving an education in Yiddish, but made the observation that by and large, they are not acquainted with secular Yiddish writings.

Yiddish is also taught in some 50 non-haredi schools under the so-called supervision of the Education Ministry, but several Israelis made the point that there is no proper pedagogic supervision of Yiddish in either private or state-run educational institutions. Boris Sandler, 46, who works in the Hebrew University's Yiddish department, came here from Moldavia four years ago and speaks a verbally extensive, grammatically correct Yiddish. He edits Kind un Keit a Yiddish

magazine for children. Many Moldavian Jews share his fluency in Yiddish, he asserts.

Like other Yiddishists, Sandler was upset that the establishment doesn't do anything to encourage Yiddish. He had just come from Paris where he had attended a summer course in Yiddish literature. While there he had met an 18-year-old woman from Vilna, who with the aid of textbooks, had taught herself Yiddish and she speaks well. There is definitely an interest on the part of young peo-

"Yiddish is not just a shiell lan-guage," enthused Sandler. But like others involved in the struggle for Yiddish, Sandler is aware that it takes "a lot of budget" to hring it to the wider Jewish masses.

And budget is something the Yiddishists lack - more so since Jewish Agency chairman Avraham Burg cut off Jewish Agency resources for the preservation and promotion of Yiddish. For some people in the former Soviet Union, noted Sandler, Yiddish was their only link to the Jewish people.

EVEN non-Jews have a yearning for Yiddish. Professor Mari Nomaru-Nakazawa of the Department of Economics at Kanazawa University is on a oneyear scholarship at the Hebrew University - to learn Yiddish. Why on earth would a Japanese professor of economics want to learn Yiddish? Simple: NomaruNakazawa's special field is Galician Jewry between the First and Secood World Wars. "I want to be able to read Yiddish newspapers," she said, "because I believe that I can learn a lot more about Galician Jews from newspapers than from textbooks,"

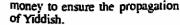
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One of the most ardent proponents of all for the perpetuation of the language of his forefathers is Montreal-born software engineer Leyhl Borwinik, 37, who came to Israel seven-and-a-half years ago and from his home in Netanya maintains contact via computer, fax, phone and mail with the Yiddish-speaking world.

Botwinik's father is from Vilna, where "eveo the goyim spoke Yiddish." He inculcated a great love for the language in his children.

A prolific writer, Levbl Botwinik churns out Yiddish science fiction, satire, scripts for cable television and articles on numerous subjects. He has been published in several Yiddish journais.

Both Botwinik and Sandler are absolutely convinced that there are organizations and individuals. who would be willing to put up



With East European governments expressing a willingness to pay some form of compensation for Jewish community properties seized during and after the war. Botwinik and Sandler are demanding a share for the New Generation Yiddish Lovers. "Most of the people killed were Yiddish speakers," argues Botwinik, "What we are doing is in a sense a monument to them."

He also intends to approach Mifal Hapayis, which supports the construction of educational institutions, to make funds available for the establishment of a Yiddish pedagogic center.

And he's also going to try to convince the haredi community of the potential of Yiddish outreach. Is was through Yiddish that Botwinik found his own way to Yiddishkeii. Reading writers such as Peretz, he found many religious references which he didn't understand, Exploration into their meaning aroused in him a desire not only to speak the language of his grandparents and great-grandparents - but also to live their lifestyle.



Marcia Gruss Levinsohn shows off her Yiddish translation of 'Goldilocks and the Three Bears (Isaac Harari)

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Mari Nomaru-Nakazawa, student of Yiddish at Hebrew University. 1 second and (Isaac Harari)

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eral aspects of Exodus.Other scholars said the argument was interesting, but lacked evidence. 4 A 18 For years, geologists have sug-. • gested that many aspects of . .*..l Exodus, from the parting of the Red Sea to the plague ofdarkness can be attributed to the eruption of the Thera volcano on the

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New radiocarbon dates of cereal

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letter to the journal Nature. "This time difference is rather striking, as it could fit the desert period of 40 years separating the Exodus from the destruction of Jericho," the archeologists write. Bruins is a professor at the Ben-

Gution University of the Negev. Van der Plicht is at the University of Groningen in the Netherlands.

To estimate the date of Jericho's destruction, Bruins and van der Plicht compared the radiocarbon dates of grains excavated from the debris, to a more precise date for the Thera eruption that is based on counting tree rings.

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the plagues in Egypt, allowing the Israelites to escape. Then, the Chosen People spent about 40 years in the desert, whereupon Joshua led them to victory over Jericho.

Biblical narrative has been notoriously difficult to confirm with archeological evidence, and the destruction of Jericho is no exception, said Patrick McGovern of the University of Pennsylvania Museum of Archeology and Anthropology.

The debris recovered from the crumhled city doesn't even hint at what caused its destruction -Jericho could have fallen 10 fire or earthquake just as easily as to invasion, most archeologisis say. "The science was all fine."

said Sturt Manning of the University of Reading in England. But I thought they were sort of being archeologically naive by trying to fit it all

together like this." And even if invaders did destroy the city, the identity of Jericho's conquerors is highly uncertain. Many scholars think that ancient Egyptian armies, not Israelites,

brought the city down. "It's an intriguing theory," McGovern said. "But I still think the actual evidence that we have wouldn't warrant such a strong (AP) argument."

Intil now, I've tried to be very tolerant, lenient and understanding and give my son lots of freedom, and now he is five, I realize I needed to be a lot stricter with him. He's too wild and often doesn't listen to me. I'm sorry I wasn't firmer with him from the start. How can I implement more discipline at this late age? Esti Cohen, parent educator and supervi-

sor of parenting group leaders, replies: Before we can answer such a question, we must ask ourselves two questions. Why do we bring children into the world? What kind of person do we want the child to be as an adult? The answers to these questions determine the ways we educate our children. We need to match our educational methods to the personal and educational

goals we have for our children. Let's assume that the answer to the first question is, "We brought our child into the world because we wanted to observe and experience, from a perspective of responsibility and mutuality, the growth process of a human being who is close to us." And to the second question: "We want him to be a

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person who is thoughtful, independent, creative, and responsible and who enriches himself and his environment."

It's clear that if these are our answers, the way we educate our child will be completely different than if our answers had been the following: "We brought our child into the world because we wanted someone who really loves us, who would hug us, listen to us, be dependent on us and to whom we could give, someone who could continue our family chain, someone who will make us feel less alone in the world and so that he could do all that we couldn't do in our lives." And to the second question, "We want him to be successful, a scienost/highranking army officer/businessman/famous doctor or lawyer, that he should have a happy, peaceful life, etc."

Because we do not have these answers from the person who asked the question, I'll say three general things that can help anyone in this position: 1. Children, like all people, need freedom, but not a lack of boundaries. Finding the balance between freedom and boundaries is not learned through study hut through experience. That is to say, when we do not have true inner freedom, when we do not have clear boundaries, when we confuse these two matters, we pass this confusion and lack of boundaries on to our children.

2. Bouodaries give security and selfesteem and allow for growth. Without boundaries, children have trouble finding their way in the world no less, though in a different way, than children who are given no freedom.

3. A parent's job is to identify children's needs and fulfill them. Not everything a child wants is a real need, and he is not able to verbally express everything he needs, e.g. Mommy, 1 want to eat/sleep/change activity/ I want you to hug me/to stop nursing the baby and play with me like you used to, etc.

In order to identify our children's needs, we need to feel them, we need to walk around in their shoes; we need to trust them and to listen to them in a way that goes beyond their words or activities.

It's also very important that as parents, we examine what level of freedom we enjoyed as children and what our boundaries are today, as adults.

How do we put these three things into practice? Boundaries need to be given pleasantly, kindly and firmly. "You can't do that, sweetie, I'm sorry, that's impossihle," or "I can't agree to this," or "At our house, this isn't done." But it must be extremely clear to you as a parent that this is not done and that if your child cries another half hour, you still don't do this.

This answer can only be a first step. I would encourage people with this kind of question to take a parenuing course. And one last word: You haven't missed the boat. It's never too late.

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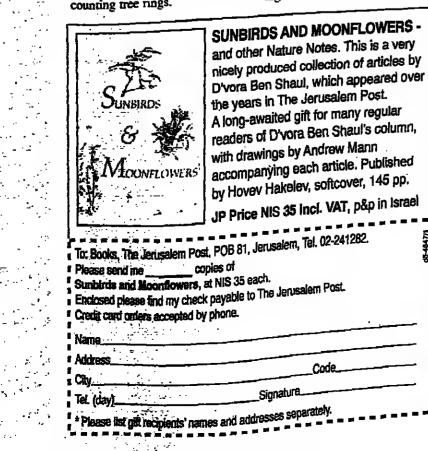
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BUSINESS & FINANCE

Arad oil flow increasing DAVID HARRIS

THE latest oil find between Arad and the Dead Sea flowed at a rate of 600 barrels a day oo Sunday and Monday, according to Israel National Oil Company Managing Director Yaron Ran. On Sunday, INOC informed the

Tel Aviv Stock Exchange that the oil had been located above another flow discovered last year.

The first fied was detected in sandstone strata at a depth of 2,000 meters; this weekend's strike is some 50 to 70 meters closer to the surface. On Friday and Saturday the oil flowed at 450 barrels a day.

The new flow will be stopped this week and drilling will begin at. a slightly higher depth. If the next stage also produces positive results, INOC says it intends link-ing the three finds, which it hopes will lead to an economically viable operation at the site.

The National Infrastructure Ministry's Petroleum Research Department says the area will have to produce 100,000 barrels and the Gaza Strip by the end of for it to be considered cost effec- next year.

So far INOC has been cautiously optimistic about the results. 'Let's bope it carries on that

way," Ran said, yesterday. When the Tel Aviv Stock an amendment to enable the gov-Exchange opened Monday, for the first time since Friday's find, shares in the company rose 10 per-cent in value, from 3.00 to 3.30. The 12-month high was 5.60 in January, with a low of 2.60 at the end of May. Over the first half of the year, INOC's operating profit

was NIS 0.44 million. the government to sell unlimited In addition to the continuing site quantities of T-bills for the duration of the crisis. The version passed permits the Treasury to sell only an additional NIS 15 bil-lion worth of bills. If it wants to tests at locations in the area, Israeli oil experts still remain hopeful that significant finds will be made at sea exceed this limit, it must come

In July, the government awarded the first five licenses to drill for oil back to the Finance Committee in Israel's deep waters in the for approval. Mediterranean.

The amendment was passed to The winning consortium, head-ed by Avner Oil and Gas Ltd., eoable Bank of Israel Governor Jacob Frenkel to keep a promise intends to drill at unspecified locamade a few weeks ago: That the tions off the coast between Haifa central bank would buy bonds in whatever quantity was needed to stabilize the market. These bond

Knesset approves expansion of safety net for bond market

EVELYN GORDON

amount of T-bills the government is allowed to have outstanding at any given time. This ceiling, which is adjusted for inflation every six months, unol yesterday stood at around NIS 19b., and the government was too close to this limit to allow it much scope for its

ceiling, which passed with biparti-san support by a vote of 22-0 in the first reading and 6-0 in the final reading, will be in effect until December 31. However, the law also stipulates that the government can only use this extra margin as part of the safety oet program. Thus, if the Bank of Israel were to buy only NIS 5b. worth of bonds, for instance, the Treasury would be able to sell only another NIS 5b. worth of T-bills.

Finance Minister Dan Meridor stressed during his speech to the plenum that this amendment was meant only as a temporary measure, to tide the market over until long-range reforms can be imple-

"This arrangement is not a soludon to the crisis of the capital markets," be said, terming it an

ment's] oeed to do somethiog," he was afraid that the Bank of Israel's safety net would not be coough. This net has already been in place for a couple of weeks, he said, but the flood of provident fund redemptions has not stopped, and therefore neither has the sale of government bonds by funds desperate for cash to meet the redempoons.

"My feeling is that this flood [of T-bill sales] won't help," he said,

BUSINESS BRIEFS

Wednesday, August 14, 1996

Yellow Pages on Internet: The Yellow Pages' Hebrew-language listings of individuals' phone oumbers and classified listings of companies and organizations have been put onto the Internet. The new service includes two million individual numbers and 170,000 companies and examples all contactible by complete the Vellow Pages' commercial numbers, all accessible by searching the Yellow Pages' new World Wide Web site.

The site is located at www.yellowpages.co.il. An English-language on-line directory is expected to appear in a few months; so far, only Yellow Pages' export and tourism phone directories in English have beeo put on the Web Site. No information was avail-able about any plans to have an Arabic-language directory on the site.

According to the Yellow Pages spokeswoman, there is no intenoon of reducing the number of printed phone books. Judy Siegel

Egypt - finally - exports coal: Egypt exported its first shipment of coal this week, 30 years after starting work at its ooly coal mine, the Ministry of Industry said yesterday.

Ministry or industry said yesterday. A ministry spokesman said a 6,000-ton cargo, the first to be extracted from Maghara coal mine in the Sinai peninsula, left the Mediterranean port of El-Arish on Monday for Turkey. "So far we only have a contract with Turkey," the spokesman said, adding that Egypt hoped to send a total of 40,000 ton to Turkey this user doubling to at larget \$0,000 tons in 1997

this year, doubling to at least 80,000 tons in 1997. He said the mine would have a production capacity of 600,000

Officials said last year they hoped to eventually start exports to Reuter Israel, which now buys coal from South Africa.

Motorola wins \$10m. contract in Ghana JENNIFER FRIEDLIN

GHANA Telecommunications has awarded the cellular infrastructure group of Motorola (Israel) a \$10 million cootract to upgrade its phone system.

Motorola's Wireless Local Loop system (WiLL), which does not require phone cables, allows companies to offer advanced telecommunications services by bypassing the tedious and expensive process

of laying telephone lines. The WiLL system will increase the capacity of the one Motorola previously provided Ghana Telecommunications from 3,800 to 13,000 subscribers. Motorola

will install 6.500 telephone terminals in the Ghana's capital. Accra, and another 3,000 telephones in villages surrounding the city. allowing people who have oever before had telephones to make calls.

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Motorola expects that the pro-ject will be competed by the end of the year.

Motorola's WiLL system, which has been installed in other African countries, including Benin and the Central Africa Republic, provides a solution for developing countries where telecommunications infrastructure is primitive.

Iran sets sights on more gas export projects DUBAI (Reuter) - Energy-rich Iran and the new law carefully before

40% in 2nd quarter COMPANY RESULTS GALIT LIPKIS BECK and JENNIFER FRIEDLIN MAKHTESHIM Chemical Works, the Beersheva-based

Makhteshim profits up

agrochemical exporter, reported a 40 percent growth io net prof-its for the second quarter of 1996 to \$11 million, compared with \$8m. in the corresponding quarter io 1995. Net income in the first six

months of the year rose 12% to \$23m. compared to \$20m. Sales in the second quarter of

the year rose 9% to \$125m. compared to \$115m. Sales in the first six months of the year increased to \$297m. compared to \$268m., up 10.8%.

the parent company of Sonol, Supergas and Vulcan, reported a small growth in oet profits for the second quarter of 1996 to NIS 11.2m. compared to NIS 11m. jo

the previous year. Net profits io the first six months of the year rose to NIS 25.9m. compared to NIS 24.7m. Sales in the first half of 1996 rose 4% to NIS 1.35 billion from NIS 1.29b.

Granite General Manager Moshe Erez said net sales in the first six months fell to NIS 818m, from NIS 842m, mainly because of a decrease in the

THE Knesset approved yesterday

ernment to increase its sales of

Treasury bills, as part of its efforts to provide a safety net for the

However, the Knesset Finance

Committee refused to accept the

Treasury's original version of the

bill, which would have enabled

purchases were to be financed by

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"unusual measure" which the government hopes will not be needed again. "[The government] normally does not intervene in the capital markets, but there are omes when safety net. The NIS15b. iocrease in the it must intervene - such as when there is a collapse," he added, citing the Federal Reserve Board's 1987 intervendon in the US market as an example. Former finance minister Avraham Shohat said that while he "understood [the governtons a year

Shlomo Yonas, general manager of the company, said Makhteshim hopes to increase future profits and sales by penetrating new markets. The company, in partnership with Agan, recently purchased 49% of Aragonesas Agro, a Spanish manufacturer and distributor of crop protection chemicals.

Yonas said Makhteshim is continuing its efforts to expand its products' licensing in the US by signing long-term supply contracts with American distribudon companies.

Operating income in the second quarter increased to \$19m. compared to \$14m. In the first six months of the year Makhteshim invested about \$21m. in new installatioos and in the production infrastructure of its plants.

Granite Hacarmel Investments,



sale of petrol products. The drop in net sales was offset by a rise in the price of fuel products on international markets. Operating profits in the first six months fell to NIS 47.2m. from NIS 47.9m.

Aladdin Knowledge Systems, the Tel Aviv-based supplier of advanced solutions for software and developer of proprietary security and development systems, vesterday reported a second quarter net loss of \$4.6m., compared to net income of \$1.578m, in the second quarter of 1995.

Sales io the second quarter rose by 12% to \$6.76m., compared to \$6.06m. in the corresponding period one year ago. The company attributed the net loss to one-time combinatìon and reorganization expenses associated with Aladdin's business combination with FAST Software Security. Aladdin also completed the acquisition of the software security related business of Glenco Engineering,

Inc., FAST's North American independent licensee. "The business combination with FAST aod the acquisition of the software security related business of Glenco have placed Aladdin in a new league," company president Yanki Margalit said. "The markets for software security and smart card development systems are growing, and we are leveraging our global leadership position.



An employee of Jordan's leading pharmaceutical company, Hikma, pastes labels on a consignment of drugs for the US-market. The Amman-based company became the first drugs manufacturer from the Arab world to export medication to the US. Hikma succeeded in getting FDA approval for its non-steroidal anti-inflammatory drug.

Public Utilities Authority keen to encourage competition with IEC DAVID HARRIS

INTRODUCING some form of competition in the electricity market is essential, a senior source in the newly established Public Uolities Authority yesterday said, adding that the authority is "taking a close look at competition in the power field."

Last week General Electric (GE) said it would seriously consider maintaining and operating private power stations here, if the Israel Electric Corporation (IEC) lost its monopoly.

The authority is encouraged by GE's decision to open an office in Tel Aviv and is checking how serious it is about playing a major role in Israel's power business, according to the source.

IEC spokeswoman Yael Ne'eman said in response that the sector is already open to competition. Four tenders to generate electricity of up to 65 megawatts have already been awarded, with others currently being considered, to a maximum of 10% of the market. This will soon expand to 20%, said Ne'eman, referring to the terms of IEC's recently renewed franchise.

Half of that 20% is designated for suppliers outside Israel, in the hope that regional developments will allow for that sort of arrangement with neighboring countries, particularly water-rich Lebanon.

Currently no private power generating stadons exist

here because of the IEC's monopoly, though both Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu and Finance Minister Dan Meridor bave repeatedly expressed their desire to introduce competition in power generation and distribution.

Since the elections there has been intense media speculation that IEC would be one of the first staterun companies to lose its monopoly. But last week it emerged that Netanyahu does not intend to imminently engage in a confrontation with IEC's powerful union, which staunchly opposes structural-reform designs in the company.

It now appears that structural changes will first be made to less powerful government companies, with a final list being drawn up by Meridor later this week. Meanwhile, one of those being considered to join the authority, according to the source, is former Bank of Israel governor Michael Bruno.

The authority, which was formed in April, still has just one member, former Ben-Gurion University presideot Chaim Elata, despite the legal requirement for five appointees. Meridor and National Infrastructure Minister Ariel Sharon are expected to select four more candidates this month. One appointee will come from each of their ministries, and two more from outside

ment's policies caused.

"No one should regard this as

government, one of whom could be Bruno.

has more big gas export projects like its multi-billion dollar deal with Turkey in the works, despite threatened US sanctions. Iranian officials and Gulf industry sources said yestenday. Iran, which possesses the world's

second-largest reserves of gas behind those of Russia, is aiming to seal a money-spinning gas export deal to its castern neighbors Pakistan and India and a project to export its gas all the way to Europe.

Supplying gas to our neighbors has top priority for us.... We are in the process of negotiating a gas supply agreement with Pakistan. India is also a top priority for us," Iranian Oil Minister Gholamreza Aghazadch said, in a statement.

Iranian plans to export natural gas to Europe would take a step forward when a consortium of European gas firms announces results of a study into the project "in the near future," Aghazadeh said.

Teheran's negotiations to sell gas to Pakistan and India follow its \$23 billion deal with its western neighbor Turkey for supplies of Iranian gas up to the year 2020.

The deal, which was signed by Aghazadeh and Turkish Energy Minister Recai Kutan in Teheran on Monday, came just one week after a new US sanctions law that penalizes non-US firms that invest \$40 million or more a year in the oil and gas sectors of either Iran or Libya.

The United States urged Turkey not to go ahead with the deal but said it would have to study the agreement

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deciding whether it would trigger U.S. sanctions. Pakistani Prime Minister Benazir

Bhutto told reporters in Teheran last November that Iran and Pakistan had agreed work on their pipeline would start this year, although this timetable is expected to slip.

The Iran-Pakistan project is expected to cost around \$3.5 billion to construct a 1,600 km pipeline to carry 1.6 billion cubic feet a day of Iranian gas to Pakistan's southern province of Sindh and then on to India

US Senator Alfonse D'Amato, a primary architect behind the Iran-Libya Sanctions Act signed by US President Bill Clinton on August 5, has already warned foreign firms from getting involved in the Iran-Pakistan-India project.

Australia's Broken Hill Pty Co Ltd (BHPI has confirmed that it and several other Western companies had held talks with Teheran on the proposed gas export project, but that BHP had not made any commitments.

Industry sources were more sceptical of the Iran-Europe plan because of technical and political obstacles that would need to be overcome for the project, first raised in the mid-1970s, to get further than the drawing board.

implementing supply deals with Pakistan, India and Turkey would represent a turnaround and financial boom for the Iranian gas industry, which has suffered the loss of its key Russian export market since 1980.

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In Jerusalem, Shahak also reacted for the first time to committee chairman Uzi Landau's statements that the army brass had been acting like "yes-men" to the previous government. The army chief, who was involved in negotiating the implementation of the Oslo accords, said he knew of no officer who volunteered to participate in the negociations.

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(Continued from Page 1) The status of Hebron during the interim period was the last substantive sticking point of the Taba talks last September as Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat fought hard and insisted that most of Hebron should be designated Area A.

10 Tei Palestinian officials, from Arafat down, have repeatedly said _ that they will not renegotiate any signed agreement. They only accepted a delay in implementation of the Hebron redeployment. originally scheduled for March

KATYUSHAS "On the contrary, there were quite a few officers who asked not to participate but who were ordered to do so," Shahak said. "No military person presented his room. personal opinion."

He added, however, that the military may have given a mistak-Nearly half of the committee Landau.

HEBRON

en assessment.

28, in recognidon of the security concerns of the previous government after the spring suicide bombings. Mohammed Dahlan, chief of

preventive security in Gaza, told Ísraeli journalists Saturday that "there is no possibility of changing agreements. The problem of Hebron is the settlers. They are a source of tension in all of the West Bank."

Meanwhile, the National Religious Party said that the pre-

meeting was devoted to the rhetoric, with most members voicing opposition to Landau's comments about the IDF top Wallerstein esomated that the brass. Before the discussion, all cost of refurbishing each unit is military personnel - except for Shahak - were asked to leave the

Labor MK Binyamin Ben-Eliezer called for Landau to resign and even Tsomet MKs, like Pini Badash, came oul against

sent plans for Hebron constitute a concrete threat to the lives of the Jewish settlers, Itim reported.

The NRP will fight for security to remain in the hands of the IDF in Hebron "to ensure the lives of the settlers and Jewish visitors to the city and to the Machpeta Cave," the NRP faction said, It added that it planned to coordinate with other Knesset facuons, such as Tsomet and Yisrael

Ba'aliya, to present a joint front to

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the prime minister. Jon Immanuel contributed to this report.

between NIS 10,000 and NIS 30.000. The caravans that are available have just been vacated by new immigrants who lived there for the past five to eight years," he said. "They're not exactly in good

> units earmarked for classrooms. However, only a fraction of the units approved are earmarked for classrooms.

Wallerstein also said that Mordechai's decision to allow the units to be moved should not be regarded as exceptional, because they are needed to make up for the shortages the former govern-

anything special," Wallerstein said. "This whole episode was caused by the absurdity of the past four years. If the government had approved mobile homes to make up for a shortage of classrooms in Safed, no one would say a word."

Palestinian officials responded to the plan to bring over the 300 caravans as "a real violation of the agreement." PA Chairman Yasser Arafat called it "a violation

"It is a message that the Israeli government is not satisfied with the agreement and I can [now] say that they do not [want] to see peace," said Ahmed Qreia, an architect of the Oslo accords and

this report.

CARAVANS

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Palestinian council speaker.

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Wallerstein said the local

authorities have asked the Education Ministry for funding to refurbish and transport the mobile

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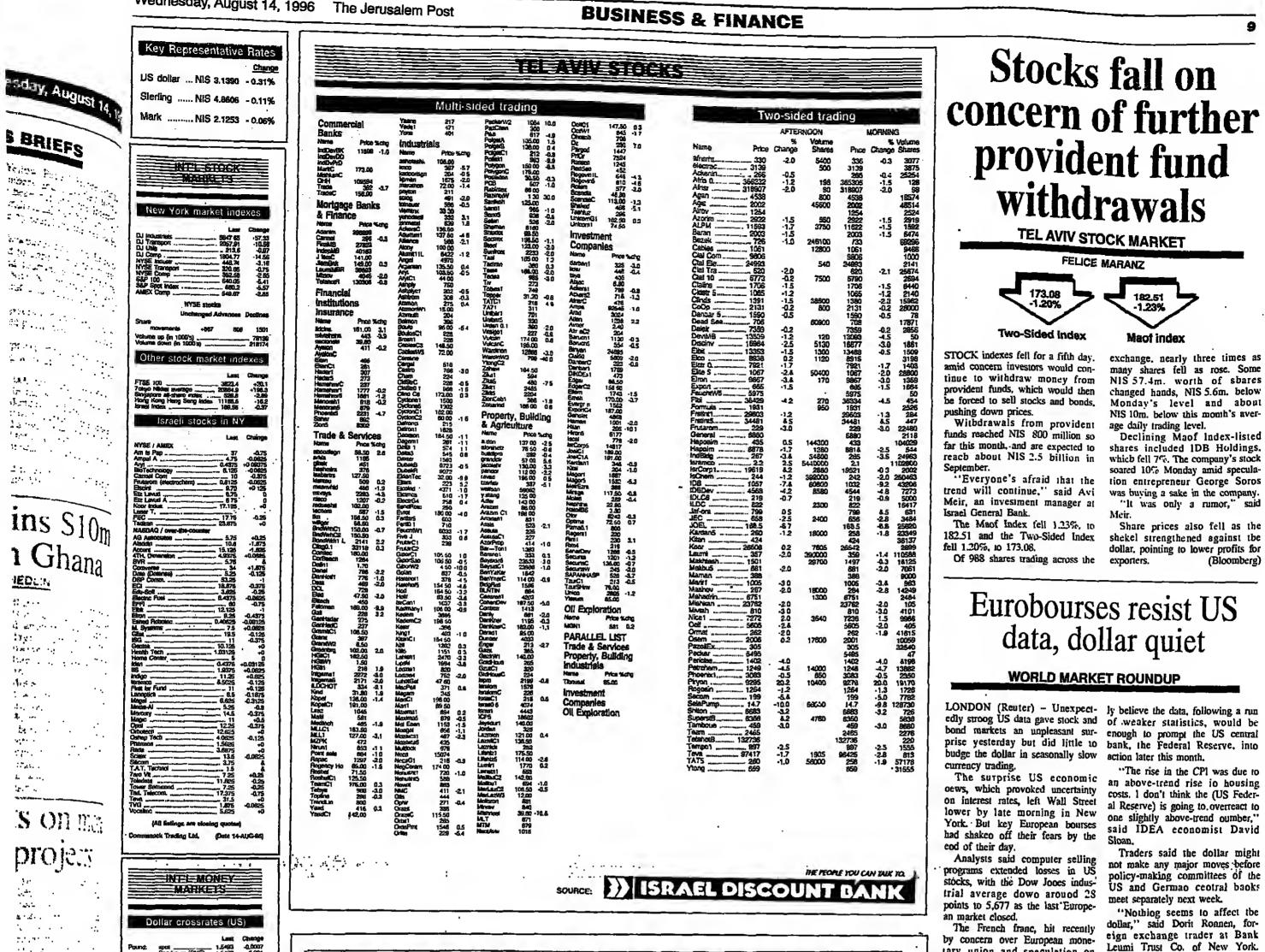
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Israel-Romania: Image problems beset Springboks A final friendly

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ISRAEL'S national soccer squad takes on Romania in Bucharest tonight for its last friendly match before the 1998 World Cup group qualifiers begin. On September 1st, Israel travels to Bulgaria for its opening match.

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The two countries' Under-21 sides were sc'eduled to meet in Bucharest's National Stadium last night in advance of the opening of their respective qualifying cam-

paigns. The Romanians are no strangers to the Israeli national squad. The two sides competed in the same qualifying group for a place in the finals of the European Championship, and a warm friendship has developed between Shlomo Scharf and Romanian coach Anghel Iordenescu.

The Romanians drew 1-1 et Ramat Gan but beat Israel 2-1 on home soil. They went on to quali-fy for England '96 but failed to live up to their reputation in the finals and made an early bow from the championships. Although there have been loud calls for lordenescu to be axed, he has been retained as coach for the Romanian's next assault on the World Cup.

The Israelis have trained inteosively for tonight's game, with Scharf well aware that the recent batterings sustained by the country's major clubs in the preliminary

with an eight-year deal worth \$48 million.

has no peer in my mind, no peer today io sports."

Dallas until he is 35.

rounds of the major European club competition indicate that key players are struggling to find their form prior to the opening of domestic ague action.

Two major names will be missing from the Israeli line up. Eyal Berkowitz is just now returning from London following the breakdown of his negodations with

Southampton, while Haim Revivo is busy with Spain's Celta Vigo. With Itzik Zohar still unconvincing, it appears Reuven Atar will be preferred in an offensive midfield role operating close to ceoter forward Ronnen Harazi. Betar Jerusalem's Yossi Ahuksis is also likely to open in midfield aloog with Nir Klinger, Alon Hazan and Tal Banin. OAKLAND (AP) - Geronimo

Bonny Ginsburg is favored to open in goal with the regular defensive crew of Felix Halfon, game for the second Ume this sea-David Amsalem, Gadi Brumer and Amir Shelach operating in froot of him. Monday over the Minnesota

lordenesc, who is known as "The General" and holds that rank in the Romanian army, is plumping for an experimental side, taking the opportunity to introduce some new blood in the knowledge that he cannot stand by aging stalwarts Gheorge Hagi, Dan Petrescu and Gheorge Popescu indefinitely. The match is being hroadcast live on Channel 1 beginning at 9:45 pm.

JOHANNESBURG (Reuter) - Just over a year after winning the world rughy union crown, the Springboks are reeling this week from a series of defeats and renewed poliucal image problems.

As if their 29-18 defeat at the hands of the All Blacks last Saturday were not enough, South African Finance Minister Trevor Manuel has admitted he supported New Zealand. "I am no white South African,"

Afrikaans-language newspapers reported Manuel telling people in a box at Newlands stadium. "The minister said that it's a free country

Berroa hit three home runs in a

son and Mark McGwire hit his

40th and 41st homers, leading the

Athleucs to a 11-1 romp on

Berroa, who also hit three

homers on May 22 at New York,

became the 10th player in major

league history to hit three homers

in a game twice in the same sea-

son. Detroit's Cecil Fielder was

The A's have 193 homers this

season and are on pace to break

the major league team record of 240 set by the 1961 Yankees.

Oakland's 120 games, needs 20

homers in the Athletics' final 42

games to tie Roger Maris' record

Albert Belle hit a bases-loaded

single and later reached over the

left-field fence to roh Chili Davls

of a three-run homer as Cleveland

of 61 home runs in one season. Indians 5, Angels 4

McGwire, who has played 90 of

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the last in 1990.

and who he supports is a matter of his personal preference," Manuel's press spokes-

woman said.

Die Burger newspaper said in an editorial Manuel should be fired for his "racist" remark.

"Such shameless racism oot only insults his own leader, President Nelson Mandela... it insults the whole reconciliation policy the president has launched to huild better relations in a divided country," the paper said.

The Spriogboks thought they had finally shaken off their pariah image when Mandela enthusiastically threw his support behind them during the World Cup campaign last year, calling them "our boys" and wearing a Springbok jersey when he hand-ed the Wehh Ellis trophy to captain Francois

But this month Pienaar was trying to fend off controversy again after scores of fans waved the old national flag of the apartheid era at a Bloemfontein Test against Australia.

The Springbok captain said he supported the flag of Mandela's new South Africa hut added that he would oot dictate to fans what flag they should wave.

South African selectors have wrought wholesale changes to the side that will play in Durban on Saturday io the second of four Tests against New Zealand.

They invited fresh controversy by picking hooker Henry Tromp who was convicted of assault in 1993 after beating a hlack

employee who later died. They also axed winger James Small

because he had been accused of breaking team disciplice by going to a nightclub 48 hours before the Test.

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And in another unexpected move they selected prop Os du Randt to play again despite his leaving the field last Saturday with a suspected concussion.

Beeld newspaper reported however that du Randt had left the field because he was "fed up" with the way the game was going. The All Blacks have beaten the Springboks twice in two meetings since South Africa beat them by the margin of a drop kick in the World Cup final.

In the Tri-Nations series, involving South Africa, New Zeeland and Australia, they managed only one victory in four matches.

Essex, Lancs win NatWest semis

four days hut finished on the losing side at the Oval yesterday as Essex pipped Surrey to a place in the final of the English county

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one-day NatWest Trophy. In the other semifinal, Lancashire survived a brave fightback led by out-of-favor England seamer Darren Gough to heat arch-rivals Yorkshire by 19 runs at Old Trafford.

Lancashire, chasing a cup douhle, now meets Essex in the final at Lord's on Saturday, September

In Essex's four-wicket victory, Surrey captain Stewart cracked an unbeaten 125 to add to the 170 he scored for England in the second Test against Pakistan. But he was poorly supported hy his teammates as Surrey reached 275 in its

Stewart shared in a solid opening stand of \$1 with Mark Butcher from the first 26 overs, hut after Butcher was run out for 27, Surrey lost its way.

It was only when all-rounder Chris Lewis came to the wicket in the run-push that the home side picked up the pace and chalked up the runs needed to make Essex sweat

The two England men made 61 from six late overs to give the Trophy favorites bope, but 275 always looked a softish target at the huge Oval grouod.

losing England No. 3 Nasser

LONDON (Reuter) - Alec Hussain early on, hut when Stewart hit his second century in Australian Stuart Law came to the crease their chase took off.

Veteran Graham Gooch (50) found his touch and Law, due to fly to Australia straight after the match to join his side for the tour of Sri Lanka, played as if he still had bags to pack.

He cracked 53 in 44 halls to set the stage for Ronnie Irani (52 not out), who saw them home with 20 halls to spare, lifting Essex into its first NatWest final for 11 years. At Old Trafford, Lancashire's 293-9 was huilt on a dazzling stand of 145 between John Crawley and Graham Lloyd. Four dropped catches also undermined Yorkshire.

Crawley, fresh from his 53 for England against Pakistan at the weekend, hit 62 before being caught on the boundary off the bowling of Michael Bevan. Lloyd smashed \$1 before being caught at backward point, again off Bevan.

The Australian then sparked Yorkshire's reply, cracking 85 off 106 deliveries after the visitors had lost two early wickets.

He was caught on the boundary but Yorkshire was still hopeful of revenge for its last-ball Benson and Hedges defeat by Lancashire earlier io the summer.

Gough (42) Richard Blakey (33) did their best, but with the run-rate climbing to over 10 an over, they eventually faced an impossible task and fell well short.

MIAMI (AP) - While Juwan Howard made his tri- Meanwhile in Washington on Monday, Howard

Jones said Smith will earn \$48m. over eight seasons, including a \$15m signing bonus. The bonus is the highest in league history and the package is second to the \$50m. that Smith's teammate, Troy Aikman, receives Smith has won four rushing titles in six NFL seasons. Last year, be set a league record with 25 touchdowns while leading the Cowboys to their inning after Houston starter

third Super Bowl victory in four years.

Smith signs \$48m.

deal with Cowboys

IRVING (AP) - The Dallas Cowboys gave the NFL's best running hack

one of the league's higgest contracts Monday, rewarding Emmitt Smith

Cowboys owner Jerry Jones and Smith came together at Texas

"This is a cornerstone event for this franchise," Jones sald. "Emmitt

Stadium to announce the new pact, which will keep the star runner in

Smith said he also looks forward to ending his career with the team that made him a first-round draft pick in 1990. Despite the heavy load he consistently is asked to carry in Dallas.

Smith said he believes he can serve out the contract. "I feel like I have at least eight years," he said.

won oo the road. NATIONAL LEAGUE Expos 8, Astros 1 Darrin Fletcher and Henry Rodriguez each hit two-run homers before an ugly benchclearing brawl, and Mark Leiter pitched a three-hitter as Montreal von at home. The teams scuffled in the third

MONDAY'S NL RESULTS: Danny Darwin hit Rodriguez with Atlanta at Philadelphia (ppd., rain) a pitch. Five players were ejected Montreal 8, Houston 1 Los Angeles 6, Cincinnati 5 Chicago 11, New York 1 MONDAY'S AL RESULTS:



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60 overs.

Essex started with a wobble,

SPORTS BRIEFS Johnson, Morceli to miss 2nd Cuban baseball player defects

A 16-year-old pitcher for the Cuban junior Olympic team defected to the US, the second team member to do so in a week.

along with Houston manager Terry Collins, who had his lip cut by a thrown helmet. **Riley: NBA broke rules on Howard**

umphant return to washington, Pat Riley seethed at the NBA, claiming it stole the valuable free agent from the Miami Heat by breaking its own rules.

How upset was Riley? He said sarcastically that he had to spend the weekend at his proctologist after the league allowed the Bullets to exceed the same salary cap it accused the Heat of violating.

The day Juwan Howard signed the contract with the Washington Bulless was the day I hit a new low in my 30 years in the NBA," Riley said Monday in his first public comments on the matter. "I knew at the time, once he signed that contract we wouldn't get him hack even if we won it in the Supreme Court."

The Heat went to court to get a temporary injunction to keep other teams from signing Howard, who was all smiles last month when he signed with Miami.

Riley said Howard abandoned the Heat at the first hint of trouble, making a fight for him moot. The coach with the four NBA titles could not get the 23year-old player to even return his calls.

was reintroduced to the team he initially left. "I have much respect for Pat Riley and the Miami Heat organization. They're all great people there,"

Howard said. "It has to be tough for them, hut now I'm a Washington Bullet and I'm happy for that." Riley, entering his second season as Heal president and coach, said NBA commissioner David Stern broke the league's new collective bargaining agreement hy allowing the Bullets a one-time exception to

the salary cap to re-sign Howard, instead of submitting to binding arbitration with the Heat. They simply wanted Juwan to go back to Washington, maybe with the new arena and all," Riley said, referring to the Bullets' new home uoder construction.

When asked about the league's claims that the Heat violated the salary cap by oot counting playing bonuses. Riley was livid.

"We did not forget how 10 add," Riley said. "The only thing we miscalculated was somebody's animus for us."

big Zurich payday

ZURICH (Reuter) - Olympic suc- because he is still struggling with cess bas taken its toll on the bodies and the bank balances of champions Michael Johnson and Noureddine Morceli, two of the

biggest names in athleucs. American 200 and 400 champioo Johnson and Algerian Morceli, the winner of the 1,500 meters in Atlanta, have been forced to pull out of the world's ricbest meeting in Zurich today because of injuries picked up at the Olympics.

Organizers said Johnson would miss the event because of an injury on his knee which he hurt during his historic double on Atlanta's hard track.

Morceli will also be absent

a problem with his ankle which was spiked during his Olympic triumph.

The duo will miss out on the sport's biggest payday in the Swiss financial city where world records are rewarded with kilos of gold and an athlete such as Johnson can pocket at least \$70,000 just for turning up. Last year the American was

offered nearly \$3,000 a second to break the 400m world record. Czech Olympic javelin champi-

on Jan Zelezny is also not competing because his throwing arm is burting after a trial for the Atlanta Braves haseball team last week.

Osmani Fetnandez defected Sunday in Fairview Heights, Illinois, where he was taking part in the Jonior Pan Am Championships. Miami sports agent Joe Cubas may declare Fernandez a free agent to be eligible to play for major league teams. Fernandez, 5foot-10 and 155 pound, has an 89 mph fastball,

Fernandez left behind his parents and younger brothers in Cuba. A week ago Sunday, Fernandez's teammate, Yalian Serrano. defected saying wirtually the same thing - he wanted freedom. Serrano turns 16 this week and was the Cuban team's top catcher. AP,

Hakeem marries 18-year-old Houston Rockets center Hakeem Olajuwon was married to 1gyear-old Dalia Asafi of Houston last week in an arranged union. "There is no dating process, no boyfriends and girlfriends in Islam," Olajuwon said Monday. "Families meet, talk, get to know

one, another. Then the marriage is arranged."

. It is a first marriage for both. Olajuwon has an g-year-old daughter, Abisola, from a prior relationship.

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TELEVISION

MIDDLE EAST TV

Little Dracula 9:00 Binke Bil 9:40 Little Monsters 10:15 Simba King of the Jungle 10:50 VR Troopers 11:25 Werd Science 12:05 The Ran and Shmpy Show 12:45 Animaniacs 13:00 Growing Up 13:30 Hugo 14:00 Chiquitias 14:50 Looney Tunes 15:10 Little Monsters (rpt) 15:45 Simba King of the Jungle (rpt) 16:00 The Ren and Stimpy Show (rpt) 16:00 Animaniacs (rpt) 18:30 Growing Up (rpt) 19:00 Hugo (rpt) 18:30 Three's Company 20:00 Married with Children 20:25 Roseanne 20:50 The Ren and Shimpy Show 21:05 Big Brother Jack 21:30 Whose Line Is This Anyway? 8:00 TV Shop 14:00 The 700 Club 14:30 A Man Berayed (1941) - a young lawyer exposes craminal activity inside a political powerhouse. Starring John Wayne. (32 mins.) 16:05 Urban Peasants 16:30 Dennis the Menace 16:55 Mask 17:20 Diplodo 17:45 Word Inc. 16:40 The A-Team 19:30 Word News Tompth 20:00 CNN 20:30 Coach 20:55 Earth 2 21:45 Sea Quest 22:35 The 700 Club 23:05 Larry King Live 00:00 TV Shop 2:00 Quantum Shopping 3:00 TV Shop 3:00 TV Shop



ITY 3 (33)

ETV 2 (23)

22:00 Routes du Sud (1978, French) - a Spanish scriptwriter in exule learns of his wite's death in a car crash, and together with his son goes to Barcelona to investi-gate. They are joined by the son's grifmend, who puts even more strain on their relation-ship. With Yves Montand, Miou Miou and Laurent Malet (96 mins.) 23:40 Circus World (1964) - an Amencan crcus owner tours Europe while searching for his alco-holic wife, who left him after her trapeze-artist lover fell to his death. With John Wayne, Rita Hayworth and Claudia Cardinale. Directed by Henry Hathaway (131 mins.) 16:00 Cantoons 16:30 Zohara and the Unknown Man 17:15 Discussion in Arabic 18:00 Amores 19:00 News in Arabic 19:30 Documentary in Russian - Tel Aviv 20:00 Mabat News 20:45 Nostalgia 21:15 Nana Mouskouri 22:55 James Cagney

SECOND SHOWING (6)

SUPER CHANNEL

STAR PLUS

E CHANNEL 5

6:00 The Selina Scott Show 7:00 NBC News 7:30 TTN News 6:00 Today 11:00 European Money Wheel 16:00 Wall Street Morning Report 17:00 US Money Wheet 18:30 FT Business Tonghi 19:00 ITN News 19:30 Portrats of the Century 20:00 Europe 2000 20:30 The Selina Scott Show 21:30 Dateline 22:30 ITN News 23:00 FGA Gott 00:00 The Tonight Show with Jay Leno 1:00 Late Night with Conan O'Bnen 2:00 Later with Greg Kinnear

6:00 Aerobics 6:30 Nanny and the Protessor 7:00 Mr. Behveders 7:30 Graham Ken's Kitchen 6:00 E! TV 6:30 Gabnelle 9:30 Santa Barbara 10:30 The Bold and the Beautiful 11:00 Oprah Winfrey 12:00 Remington Staele 13:00 Graham Ken's Kitchen 13:30 E! TV 14:00 Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles 14:30 Black Beauty 15:00 Lost in Space 16:00 Home and Away 16:30 Charles in Charge 17:00 M'A'S'H 17:30 Golden Girls 18:00 Empty Nest 18:30 NYPD Blue 19:30 The Bold and the Beautiful 20:00 Santa Barbara 21:00 The Beautiful 20:00 Santa Barbara 21:00 The Beautiful 20:00 Santa Barbara 21:00 The Wilight Zone 21:30 The Extraordinary 22:30 Picket Fences 23:30 El TV 00:00 Oprah Winfrey 1:00 Hooperman 1:30 Home and Away 2:00 The Sullivans

15:30 Vacation Time 18:00 Butterfly Island 16:30 Family Relations 19:00 Everything's Open 19:30 All in the Family – repeat of popular local comedy senes with Russian subtriles 20:00 A New Evening (with Russan subtiles) 20:30 Basic Arabic 21:00 Des Metore Melsers 21:30 Morrar on Tour DISCOVERY (8) 6:00 Open University 12:00 National Geographic Explorer (rpt) 13:00 Eye of the Third Reich (rpt) 14:00 Open University 16:00 National Geographic Explorer (rpt) 17:00 Eye of the Third Reich (rpt) 16:00 Open University 20:00 The Wild South 21:00 Cousteau 22:00 Ram Dass 22:50 The Wild South (rpt) 23:50 Open University (rpt) The History Makers 21:30 Mozart on Tour 22:30 Star Trek: The Next Generation 23:15 Mother and Son

FAMILY CHANNEL (3)

8:00 Sisters (pt) 9:00 One Life to Live (rpt) 9:45 The Young and the Restless (pt) 10:30 Days of Our Lives (pt) 11:20 Perfa Negra (nt) 12:10 Neighbors (nt) 12:25 Dalles (nt) 13:30 Starting at 1:30 14:05 21 Jump Street 14:55 Sisters 15:50 Days of Our Lives 16:40 Neighbors 17:10 Dalles 18:00 One Life to Live 16:45 The Young and the Restless 19:30 Local broadcast 20:00 Perfa Negra 20:50 Melrose Place 21:40 Staters 22:30 Sik Stationgs 23:20 Frasier 23:45 Melrose Place 00:35 Robin's Hoods 1:25 Rosie O'Neil

MOVIE CHANNEL (4)

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CHILDREN (6)

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EUROSPORT

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9:30 Car Racing: Formula 1 Hungarian Grand Prix – the race (pt) 11:00 Golf: WPGA tournament, Scotland (pt) 12:00 Aerobics 13:00 Boxing 14:00 Karting: European Championships, Poland 15:00 Mountain Bikes: European Championships, France 16:00 Horse Racing 17:00 Soccer: European Championships, Eronant 19:00 Motor Sport Magazine 20:30 Formula 1 Motor Sport Magazine 20:30 Formula 1 Magazine 23:00 Sumo Wrestling 00:00 Showumping from Dublin 1:00 ATP Tennis 1:30 Bowno 1:30 Boxing

PRIME SPORTS

6:00 Asia Spons Show 6:30 Cricket: Nat 6:00 Asia Sports Show 6:30 Cricket: Nai West Cup semi-finals – highlights 13:30 Beach Soccer: Tournament from Spain 14:30 Sport Magazine 15:30 This Week in Cricter 18:00 Classic Soccer Games 18:00 Soccer: Back Label Cup, India – semi-finals 20:00 Sport Magazine 21:00 Car Racing: Formula 1 Hungarian Grand Prox (pl) 23:00 Asia Sports Show 00:30 PGA Golf

BBC WORLD

News on the hour 6:05 Madness (pt) 10:05 Honzon (pt) 11:30 Summer Holiday (pt) 12:30 Building Sights 15:15 Panorama (pt) 16:15 World Business Report 16:30 Asia-Pacitic Newshour 17:30 Airport (pt) 18:05 Madness (pt) 19:30 Top Gear (pt) 20:00 World Report 22:05 The Technological Revolution 23:30 Raymond's Blanc Mange – cooking 00:00 World Business Report

RADIO

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Legendary Russian pianist Dmitri Bashkirov presents a master class today (4) st the Tel Hai Rodman Regional College as part of the Tel Hai Piano master classes. At 8 pianist Arie Vardi gives 6 concert-lecture about Chopin's mazurkas.

THIRTEEN Jewish choirs from all over the world are gathered in Jerusalem for the annual Zimriys song festival. The event officially ends tomorrow (9) at the Sultan's Pool in Jerusalem and features 500 singers in a festive program conducted by Michael Shani.

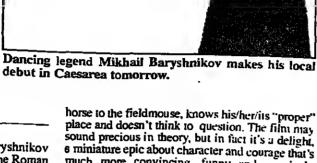
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LEGENDARY dancer Mikhail Baryshnikov makes his long-awaited Israeli debut at the Roman Amphitheater in Caesarea with his White Oak Dance Project Ensemble tomorrow, Saturday and Sunday (8:45), performing American modern dance works by Merce Cunningham, Mark Morris, Jose Limon, Hanya Holm, Kraig Patterson and Joachim Schlomer. Not to be missed!

ADINA HOFFMAN

Noonan's acclaimed barnyard fable is a roly-poly piglet with squinty eyes, a plaintively upturned snout and a tuft of soft brown hair planted et a crooked angle between his floppy ears. He's a bighearted little porker who doesn't understand and so winds up defying the strict segregation that governs farm society - where every creature, from the



sound precious in theory, but in fact it's a delight, 6 miniature epic about character and courage that's much more convincing, funny and genuinely poignant than any number of movies about the triumph of the biped spint, (The film exists in two versions: One has English dialogue and Hebrew subtitles; the other is dubbed into Hebrew. General audiences)

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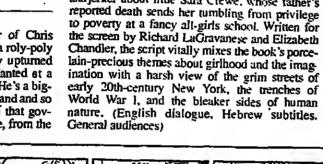
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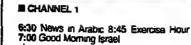
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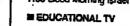
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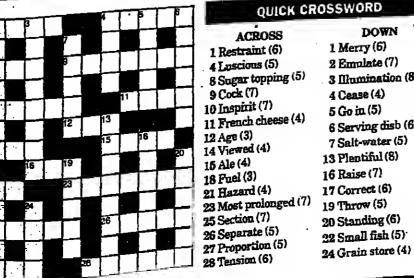
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Ne'eman interrogated under warning

FORMER justice minister Ya'acov Ne'eman was interrogated for six hours yesterday at National Police headquarters in Jerusalem - under warning from investigators that his answers may be used against him if charges are filed.

Ne'eman, who last week resigned from his post, has been questioned in the past by police. However, yesterday marked the first time he .vas questioned under warning.

The investigation is being carried out by a team of senior police **BILL HUTMAN**

investigators because of its sensitivity. Investigators have reportedly found contradictions in past statements Ne'eman gave and asked him for an explanation yesterday. Police sources said the former minister may be summoned again_

Ne'eman is under investigation for allegations that in 1991 he tried to convince a witness not to cooperate with police investigating alleged financial wrongdoing by MK Aryeh Deri. The allega-

tions came out recently during the Den trial. resigned after Ne'eman Attorney-General Michael Ben-Yair ordered an investigation. He may return to the government if he

is cleared of the allegations. Ne'eman, who declined to speak to reporters when he left police headquarters, has denied any wrongdoing and publicly crio-cized Ben-Yair for orderiog that he

be investigated. Ne eman arrived for questioning at around \$:30 a.m. and left police beadquarters at 2:30 p.m.

Poraz petitions High Court against political appointments **EVELYN GORDON**

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largely bar civil servants from the

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Finally, Poraz charged, the deci-

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Cabinet Secretary Dan Naveh.

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MK Avraham Poraz (Meretz] pen-tioned the High Court of Justice yesterday against the cabinet's decision to appoint ministry deputy director-generals without a tender.

In the petition, filed by attorney Dafna Holtz-Lechner, Poraz charged that this decision was made strictly for political reasons - to facilitate the complicated arrangement in the Religious Affairs Ministry, whereby the positions of minister, directorgeneral and deputy director-general will rotate between Sbas and the National Religious Party each year - and was therefore completely unjustifiable.

The decisioo was made without consulting the Civil Service Commission and io defiance of the recommendations of two public commissions, the petitioo continued. According to these commissions, a ministry director-geoeral should be a non-political professional and should therefore be Commission; by law, it requires issue is which hiring process will

result, he said, none of the dozens Furthermore, Poraz argued, exempting this position from the tender, process would discourage talented people from enteriog the civil service. Already, ministry general.

process; the current government is merely expanding this precedent to other ministries. The previous governmeot also added several other positions to the exempt list, including regional directors in the Interior Ministry and the head of the Government Press Office, he added.

responding on the government's bebalf, rejected most of Poraz's Finally, Naveh said, Poraz's charge that the decision will cost First, he said, the decision to money is sheer nonsense. exempt any position from the ten-Ministry deputy director-generals would have to be hired and paid sultation with the Civil Service in any case; the only question at

of posts which were added to the exempt list in previous years ever entailed such a consultation. Most of these posts, he added, are of a lower rank than deputy director-Secondly, Naveh noted, it was the previous governmeot which first decided to exempt the deputy director-general of the Prime Minister's Office from the tender

One of the numerous kites that flew in yesterday's 'Afifoniada,' an annual kite-flying event held at the Israel Museum in Jerusalem. Hundreds of families participated.



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appointed by the ordinary tender only a cabinet decisioo. As a be used. **Miller: Rehov Bar-Ilan tunnel** won't solve problem for now

der process does not require con-

JERUSALEM Mayor Ehud Olmert's proposal to build a multimillion dollar tunnel to replace Rehov Bar-Ilan is no solution to the present conflict over whether the road should be opened on Shabbat, Deputy Mayor Haim Miller, of the United Torah Judaism faction, said yesterday.

"Maybe a couple of years from now, if the tunnel is indeed built, it) will help. But in the meantime, the proposal doesn't help at all."

BILL HUTMAN

to Miller. The High Court is scheduled to hear later this week several petitions by secular groups and politicians demanding the road be kept open, but it is unclear when the court will rule on the matter.

On Monday, Olmert raised the Minister Yitzhak Levy. Olmert said afterwards that Levy supported the proposal, as did President Ezer Weizman, and that he would soon raise it with Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu. We must find a solution that will provide an answer to the [haredi] residents, and those who are unwilling to give up their right to drive in the area on Shabbat,"

Olmert said. "There is no other solution than a road that will not disturb the haredim and will not

infringe on the right of the secular population to travel - and that means building a tunnel." The mayor estimated the tunnel would have to run about 1.2 kilo-

meters and cost about NIS 17 million. It would take about two years tunnel proposal with Transport to build. A tunnel will also help ease the traffic congestion in the area during the week, according to Olmert. "I think that the prime minister will see that there is no problem with supporting the idea, ooly someone will have to find the funding," Olmert said. If the tunnel is built, "residents who want to travel will be able to drive with no problem, underground," he said.

BONN has asked Italy to extradite former SS officers Erich Priebke and Karl Hass to stand trial in Germany for alleged Nazi war crimes,

the two countries said yesterday. German Justice Ministry spokesman Bernhard Boehm said a request had been submitted on Mooday for the extradition of the 83year-old Priebke, whose freeing by a military tribunal in Rome nearly two weeks ago sparked protests all over the world.

News agencies

to extradite Priebke and Hass

and boys in Rome's Ardeatine Caves, convicting him of two counts of murder and of helping to organize the massacre. They rejected his defense that he would have risked death by refusing to obey orders and that the massacre was a legitimate reprisal.

But they ruled that aggravating factors, such as premeditation and cruelty, did not apply to Priebke's role in the massacre, making his crime subject to a 30-year statute of limitations. Boehm did not mention Hass, but an Italian Justice Ministry spokeswoman in Rome said a request for his extradition had arrived separately on August 9. Both were being studied, she added.

tion did not look as slim as they had just uoder two weeks ago.

"Priebke is wanted on two counts of murder in Germany. He is also charged with registering the names of the victims and helping to organize the massacre," Boehm told Reuters.

Priebke and Hass have each admitted shooting two of the 335 victims in an SS reprisal for a partisan anack. The massacre was the worst Nazi atrocity in Italy during World War II. · Priebke was re-arrested hours after the military tribunal released him and is now being beld in a central Rome prison. "The Italian verdict does not apply to other countries. So he could be prosecuted somewhere else on the same charges," Boehm said, adding that he would also be liable for extradition to Germany from any country but Italy.

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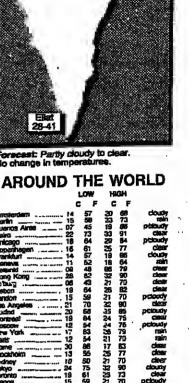
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Miller said. He added that he could not say whether the tunnel. if built, would satisfy baredi I demands. For now, haredi politicians and

c the haredi public would continue to push for the road's closure at t least during prayer times on in Shabbat and holidays, according

In Jerusalem, an attorney petitioned the High Court of Justice asking it to force the govern-ment to explain why it is not asking to have Priebke extradied to Israel. The court asked for a response from the Justice Ministry's High Court of Justice Department, after which it will

decide whether to hear the petition. The Italian tribunal found Priebke guilty of involvement in the 1944 massacre of 335 men

Boehm said the chances of Priebke's extradi-

Volcker committee begins search for **Holocaust funds in Swiss banks**

SWISS bankers and Jewish organih zations today begin the business of c ideotifying dormant assets in Swiss y banks when an independent committee, led by American banker

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Paul Volcker, meets to New York. The Volcker committee's initial task is to name an auditor to conduct a review of Swiss accounts. That may provide the first clue

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about how strenuously Volcker will take his role as chairman and how independent he intends to be. The commission had selected an auditor before Volcker agreed to join, but it was believed that Volcker wanted to reconsider that choice. The Volcker committee's first meeting comes more than three months after the World Jewish Restitution Organization and the Swiss Bankers Association signed an agreement to cooperate.

It remains to be seen how widely or narrowly Volcker will define the mission of the six-member comminee, whose Jewish delegates are Avraham Burg, head of the Jewish Agency: Ruben Baraja, the onetime head of the Jewish communiof Argentina; and Ronald Lauder, a businessman-philanthropist who is close to Prime in Mate

leeway. According to the May 2 agreement, the committee is to instruct the auditor "as to the scope of its duties." The only specific instructions are for the auditor to examice the "methodology" of individual banks, the Swiss Bankers Association and the Swiss Office of the Ombudsman, "as regards the search for accounts and assets in question." However, some in the Jewish community have called for a broader investigation that would include non-bank financial institutions, such as insurance companies and transfer agencies. The auditor is to have "unfettered access to all relevant files in bank-

There appears to be substantial

ing institutions," but must be licensed in Switzerland and be bound by Swiss secrecy rules. The committee has no direct

access to the records. The last official review of dormant accounts in Swiss banks, in 1962, determined that there was

approximately 9 million Swiss Francs, then valued at \$2 million, that was likely to be of Jewish origin. The bankers said earlier this year that there is approximately \$32 million in dormant accounts. That has been challenged as far too low by Jewish groups.

Volcker, the chairman of the US Federal Reserve Board from 1979-1987, is chairman of Wolfensohn and Co., a New York investment bank that recently was bought by Bankers Trust. He was once the most influential banker in the world, and his every move was scrutinized for hints about his economic policy. The Bankers Association, meanwhile, publicly gave its support last week to pending Swiss legislation that calls for a wide-ranging "critical legal and historical review" of the scope and fate of Jewish assets in Switzerland during the Nazi era. However, the bankers said, precise regulations are needed to protect privacy.

Prison security committee set to present findings

RAINE MARCUS

WARNING letters were sent on Monday night to 11 prison wardens by the committee set up to investigate the circumstances of the escape of two security prisoners from Ashmoret prison 10 days ago.

The findings of the committee, headed by former Prisons Service commissioner Levy Shaul, are expected to be presented to Internal Security Minister Avigdor Kahalani today and results will probably be released tomorrow, a source said.

The committee investigated the prison conditions of all security prisoners to ensure that future incidents are prevented. The probe therefore took longer than anticipated.

Prisons Service Commissioner Arye Bibi is not expected to be suspended, nor given a warning, a senior source said. Immediately after the breakout, he had declared that if the comminee felt he was to blame for the escape in any way, he would resign.

Reports that Bibi is intending to resign his post in six months' time. because of the embarrassing incident were dismissed outright by senior sources yesterday. In any case, his four-year term is due to end next February, although it may theoretically be renewed for another year. Several months ago, a committee had been formed to look into sesuri-

ty breaches. At the time, Bibi recommended improvements and some NIS 1.5 million were invested in renovations and improvements. The two prisoners escaped while renovations were underway at Ashmoret

Out of the eight Prisons Service personnel transferred or suspended pending Levy Shaul's inquiry, at least one is expected to be moved back to his original post. The only warden who may be fired outright is Ashmoret's intelligence officer, a source said,

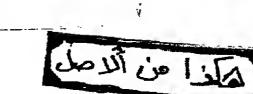
The committee is also expected to list recommendations for improved intelligence in all prisons. Some Prisons Service officers, including one senior officer, are likely to be reprimanded, the source added.



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